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CONSIDERATION OF STATUS OF CERTAIN
AREAS IN THE CITY OF NEWARK

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BEFORE :

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1 MR. COCUZZA: Ladies and gentlemen,
2 this is a public hearing that will be
3 continued at this moment and the hearing
4 covers the blight area covering the area
5 surrounded by Bergen Street on the west,
6 Norfolk Street on the east, South Orange
7 Avenue on the south and 12th Avenue on the
8 north.

9 We have a quorum present.

10 The acting secretary, Joe Bradley,
11 will please call the roll.

12 MR. BRADLEY: Commissioner Federici.

13 MR. FEDERICI: Here.

14 MR. BRADLEY: Commissioner Corrado.

15 MR. CORRADO: Here.

16 MR. BRADLEY: Commissioner D'Alessio.

17 MR. D'ALESSIO: Here.

18 MR. BRADLEY: Chairman Cocuzza.

19 MR. COCUZZA: Here.

20 MR. BRADLEY: Commissioner Bradley.

21 Here.

22 MR. COCUZZA: Because of so few
23 citizens present this morning, instead of
24 referring to the cards which we have here,
25 the chair will ask if there is any of the

audience who would like to make a presentation, those who have not been heard,

Will you give your name and address to the reporter, please.

REV. SIMMONS: Reverend Simul W. Simmons, 232 Prince Street, Newark, New Jersey. I happen to be the president of Erie No. 2, Operation We Care.

MR. COCUZZA: Pardon me, you have 30 minutes, sir, for your presentation.

REV. SIMMONS: It won't take me that long.

Our Father in heaven, we come to Thee thanking Thee for the opportunity to come here and to speak in defense of Thy people and as we come, Holy Father, we ask Thee would Thou touch the hearts of these men whom we are facing and help them to think in terms of human beings and make their decision accordingly, in Thou most worthy name we ask Thee, Lord. Amen.

MR. COCUZZA: Amen. Thank you very much, Reverend.

REV. SIMMONS: Gentlemen, I come to you this morning in the interest of a

1 multitude of people and I feel that you are
2 men of integrity, that you are honorable
3 men. I believe that you are men who are
4 concerned about the plight of the citizens
5 of Newark, so I am coming to you this
6 morning and as I come I think in terms of
7 a passage from the scripture that says:
8 "Out of one blood God has created all men
9 to dwell on the face of the earth." With
10 this in mind, gentlemen, I do feel and
11 believe that you will act in the best
12 interest of the people that the medical
13 school is affecting.

14 I would like to go on record as
15 opposing the medical school for more than
16 one reason.

17 Number one, there is something in
18 this particular site where the medical
19 school and the dental school will be
20 erected that is dear to my heart and that
21 is our church. But when I think, in terms
22 of the church, I say, well, the church
23 can be torn down, yes, and the city will
24 probably give us enough money to build
25 another church, but the lives that will be

1 destroyed and the lives that will be
2 affected by the erection of this medical
3 school, these lives you cannot and you must
4 not destroy. I beg of you this morning to
5 think in terms of these 22,000 families
6 that will be uprooted. This is my first
7 time before this board but I have spoken
8 before the city council on this same matter
9 and I am deeply concerned about my people.

10 Now I don't have to tell you about
11 the implications that are implied here in
12 this particular discussion because they
13 have been brought to your attention, but
14 the lives of the people are at stake. We
15 have just done \$30,000 worth of work on our
16 church. We purchased the land from the
17 city and we have come so far and naturally
18 we would hate to see our little church
19 destroyed, not only will our church be
20 destroyed if this thing is carried through,
21 but there are many, many other churches
22 that will be destroyed as a result of this
23 particular program. And not only that,
24 there are many schools that will be
25 affected, this you know, and this you also

1 know, that by the destroying of these
2 schools that it's going to bring about many
3 uncomfortable conditions not only in the
4 place that is affected but throughout the
5 city. For the past month I have been going
6 into various schools in the central ward
7 and, brothers, the things that you see
8 there are unbelievable unless you go there
9 and look at it.

10 I don't see how for the good of me
11 that intelligent men that we have here in
12 City Hall could tolerate these conditions
13 being inflicted upon their brothers and
14 sisters, because as I said in the beginning,
15 whether you accept it or not, we are
16 brothers and we are sisters and we are
17 going to face this thing together, we can
18 live in peace or we can die together in
19 agony. I beg of you that we live together
20 in peace and in harmony and good will.
21 Now that is something you realize.

22 Now let's face the political
23 implication of this condition. Now you
24 know, as has been quoted to you on many
25 occasions, I am just going to bring it to

your attention again, I don't have to bring it out in detail because you already know it. Now when the Jews were predominant in Newark, let's be fair, they had a Jewish mayor. When the Irish were predominant in Newark, you had an Irish wayor and so on down the line. Don't you think it's reasonable inasmuch that we have a majority of black people in the City of Newark, don't you think it's natural that we would like to have a black mayor after 300 years in the City of Newark. If you are fair to yourself, if you are fair to God, if you are men of integrity you will take these things under consideration and you will come to the decision that we will help the black man to get into the same stream that you are. I don't feel that we are asking for anything unreasonable. I think we are asking for a reasonable portion of economic power. I would like to see my sons lawyers and doctors. By the way, I have five sons and four daughters, they were all born and reared right here in the City of Newark, two of them have gone to the Armed Forces

1 and one is still in the Armed Forces. Perhaps
2 you have sons there, so we are tied in
3 together with this thing. Let's do it
4 together in a way that everybody will have
5 a part, where everybody will be happy. You
6 know if this thing would have been done
7 right we wouldn't even have to have had
8 this hearing in the first place. I repeat,
9 I think if this thing had been done right
10 we wouldn't have had this hearing in the
11 first place. But now that we are here,
12 gentlemen, I beg of you, I plead with you
13 to consider the people that are involved
14 and as you have heard the statistical
15 reports coming from the various people, you
16 know the conditions in Newark, you know the
17 conditions that the government are trying
18 to eradicate by sending all this money
19 into Newark, but I dare say about 11 or 12
20 million dollars have come into the City of
21 Newark over a period of four or five years,
22 but do you know it appears that the poorer
23 are getting poorer and the richer are getting
24 richer.

25 Gentlemen, you can't continue to

1 step on a dog without him biting you. You
2 can't continue to beat on any animal unless
3 he retaliates in some way. Let's be reason-
4 able. Let's consider the citizens of
5 Newark that are being affected by the
6 bullwhip. Someone might say it's not
7 affecting me. This thing affects every
8 human being in the State of New Jersey,
9 believe it or not. Taxwise, for example,
10 you tear down all these buildings down in
11 that area and what is going to supplement
12 the taxes that you are getting, that you
13 have been getting from that particular area.
14 Maybe you have figured out some plan, but
15 I haven't been able to come out with any
16 reasonable conclusions as to how you are
17 going to compensate for the tax revenue
18 in that area and they are tremendous.
19 Now naturally you taking up that it's
20 going to make other parts of the city be
21 faced with the blanket fact this has already
22 taken place, with the blanket tax increase.
23 Do you think that the landlords who own
24 the property that they're just going to sit
25 down idly by and say, "Well, yes, this is

1 wonderful." No, this thing is going to be
2 passed on down to the consumers and by the
3 consumers I mean those people who rent the
4 houses.

5 Now, gentlemen, you cannot pay
6 \$100 a month for rent when you are making
7 \$50 or \$60 a week on a job, it's impossible.
8 Any person who attempts to do it will find
9 his head against the grinding stone.

10 Gentlemen, consider this because it
11 is paramount in the bringing of a peaceful
12 solution to this problem that we have here
13 in the City of Newark confronting us.

14 Every day I receive telephone calls, every
15 day I'm in three or four meetings, sometimes
16 till 12 and one o'clock at night and these
17 problems come up and the people in the area
18 that I represent, I must tell you unequivocally
19 they are bitterly, and may I repeat,
20 I mean bitterly opposed to you erecting a
21 medical school in the City of Newark.

22 I thank you.

23 MR. COCUZZA: Thank you, Reverend
24 Simmons.

25 The chair calls Mrs. Alice Eaman,

1 25 Riverview Terrace, Newark.

2 Give your name and address to the
3 reporter, please.

4 MRS. BEAMAN: Mrs. Alice Beaman,
5 25 Riverview Terrace, Newark, New Jersey.

6 A. COCCEZZA: You have 30 minutes
7 to make your presentation.

8 MRS. BEAMAN: We consider it a threat
9 to Negro representation in the area both
10 within the framework of existing political
11 parties and on the city council level.

12 It also uproots and removes from
13 the community some 20,000 indigent citizens.

14 We raise the question that if the
15 City of Newark was not fit to house a
16 junior college (which many of the citizens
17 could enjoy) how is it now a fit place for
18 a medical school?

19 The Demographic Material includes
20 a total of 67 blocks of census tracts in
21 seven election districts of the central
22 ward and three election districts of the
23 north ward.

24 We in the community think the medical
25 school will not be good in this area because

1 of the uprooting of our population and
2 because of the school situation, therefore
3 our schools will be overcrowded which they
4 are now. Our schools are not up to the
5 regular standard which they should be and
6 our educational level is under standing,
7 if all these children have to be trans-
8 ferred to other schools and the teachers
9 of today do not have time with classes of
10 40 or more in them to teach our children
11 the accurate way, how can they do it when
12 it would be more overcrowded.

13 Another thing, the housing, where
14 would our people go. There are no more
15 houses in the City of Newark now to house
16 these people. We went to a housing project
17 and they have some vacancies but not all.
18 Then with Route 78 coming in these other
19 people will be uprooted and then there will
20 be another problem for housing.

21 As you know, the City of Newark has
22 a population of over 50 per cent Negro,
23 therefore with more Negroes in the City of
24 Newark and in the central ward they are
25 gaining prestige and honor and what not

1 and if they stick together--and we will
2 stick together--they will have a foothold
3 to do something, therefore they are sticking
4 together now in order to fight the medical
5 site. Therefore, I hope you will consider
6 these things, the children, the homes, their
7 education and things like this. Thank you.

8 MR. COCUZZA: Is there anyone else
9 in the audience who would like to speak,
10 please step forward and give your name and
11 address.

12 MR. PRICE: My name is Joseph Price
13 and I reside at 43 Emmett Street, Newark.

14 MR. COCUZZA: You have 30 minutes
15 to make your presentation.

16 MR. PRICE: One thing, I wish the
17 mayor was here this morning, I have some-
18 thing that I would like for him to hear as
19 well as you gentlemen.

20 One, considering the medical school,
21 I think out here in Secaucus they were going
22 to build a trotting track, a whole lot of
23 land out there, I don't see why they can't
24 build the medical school out there, it's still
25 in Newark, it's still around Newark. Horses

1 get sick, too. We got City Hospital, I
2 don't see why we have to have two slaughter-
3 houses right next to each other, they're
4 killing enough people as it is. Yes, when
5 I say killing enough people, I say that when
6 you get sick and you go there you are
7 going to die. I guess I'd just as well
8 stay home than go to the City Hospital.

9 You're tearing down our homes.
10 True, they need to come down, but we need/
11 some homes over there in that area where
12 you're tearing them down. We need schools
13 there, too. I don't mean 12, 13, 14 stories
14 high, we don't like to live that way. We
15 have children that like to have a back yard
16 and play in it, too. I got five children
17 right now going to school, Miller Street
18 School. I got a little daughter, I wish
19 I could have her here, maybe I'll bring
20 all five of them tonight so you can see
21 them. Today is the last day of school,
22 I'll bring them here tonight. My children,
23 usually go to bed at 7:30 or eight o'clock
24 and I know where they are and I want to
25 bring them down tonight so you know where

1 you are, I'll let you take a look at them.

2 The sixth grades got to go to Robert
3 Treat next year, the whole sixth grade of,
4 Miller Street, maybe they got more grades
5 going. Maybe I'll take time and read this
6 which the board of education sent to us.

7 You people are parents, too, maybe you
8 would like to hear it, maybe you didn't
9 get that notice because you might not live
10 in the area where I am living, so I'll read
11 it to you so you know what is happening
12 in our area, I'm sure you are interested
13 because you are supposed to be, the planning
14 board is the leader and so forth and I would
15 like my leader to know what is happening
16 in our town.

17 June 1967, from the board of edu-
18 cation, Miller Street School, 47 Miller
19 Street, Newark, New Jersey, 07114, that's
20 our zip code number.

21 "Dear Parents: Owing to the over-
22 crowded conditions in Miller Street School,
23 the Board of Education in its desire to
24 continue to give your child a good education
25 will be busing your child and all of our

1 other pupils who will be in grade six next
2 September to Robert Treat"--and they did /
3 have on here Norton Street but they crossed
4 it out, I don't guess they're going to
5 Norton Street because that may be a little
6 crowded, too--"School for the 1967-'68
7 school year. Neither of these receiving
8 schools will be overcrowded because of this
9 and your child therefore will be in the
10 sixth grade class of 30 people or less.
11 In addition, your child will be directly
12 involved in the activity program prevailing
13 in Robert Treat, the gym, shop, home
14 economics, library, music, so forth and
15 so on as well as participating in all other
16 educational events with sixth grade pupils
17 of the school.

18 "Your child promoted to grade six
19 is scheduled to be bused to Robert Treat
20 School beginning Wednesday, September 6,
21 the first day of school next year. Please
22 be advised that this arrangement will
23 affect your child for only one year. After
24 1967-'68 school year your child will return
25 to Miller Street School for seventh, eighth

and graduation."--that's hard to believe--

"If you have any questions about this proposal or wish to discuss it with any authority, please call on us"--so forth and so on.

But gentlemen, getting back to what you already know, what you plan to do already, I mean it's just that we are here repeating ourselves, to me let me say a hint to the wise should be sufficient for the foolish. I'm sure you gentlemen are wise. I'm sure you are wise because these homes that you are tearing down or going to tear down, the central ward, without building anymore, tearing down schools, tearing down churches to build a medical school, you call that a blighted area, well, what are you doing about making the area where these people have to come to live but another blighted area, they have to move in the high park gardens, they have to move to the Weequahic section, they got to move to all areas around, right now there's no place for them, but you know what we just might do, we just might come

1 to South Orange, Short Hills, Montclair,
2 Caldwell, I mean if we can't find houses/
3 next to yours, you'll see us one morning
4 with little tents with our families camping
5 there because, baby, we're going somewhere
6 and we're going to get with you because you
7 tried to get away from us, you tried to
8 put us in an area where you can hold us.

9 You know, I lost a brother in
10 Okinawa. My mother had 14 children and
11 seven of us were in service. My youngest
12 brother, well, maybe he was lucky, he was
13 with the 822nd Airborne, he got it. My
14 other brother, when they dropped the bomb
15 in Japan, he was one of the occupying
16 forces that went in, he was an MP. As I
17 told you once before, I went in the Navy
18 as a seaman but they didn't have black
19 seaman, they only had black steward mates.
20 I used to work up and down the shore,
21 Bradley Beach, Asbury Park, Belmar, up
22 New York State waiting on tables and stuff
23 like that. When the war broke out, I said
24 this is my country, that flag in back there
25 I was serving. I thought I was doing some-

1 thing, gentlemen, and I enlisted as a seaman,
2 yes, I can show you my discharge, I was /
3 enlisted as a seaman but they didn't have
4 black seaman, stewards' mates, so I went
5 and I served and I was on the battle wagon,
6 you know, after she got hit in Pearl Harbor,
7 I was in service, too. So I finally
8 maneuvered, massed around, stayed in, then
9 they started integrating and I was in the
10 Seabees and we hit Guam, Okinawa, Saipan
11 and I came out, that wasn't good enough,
12 I still had to do some more for my country,
13 for us people, that's you, too, I went to
14 the Marines, we seen a whole lot of action.

15 Well, I decided I guess I'd better
16 come home. I came home and I got married
17 and got a house full of children. You
18 know what I want my children to have, I
19 think I am an honorable man, I don't have
20 no money but I have honor, I want my
21 children to have a beautiful back yard,
22 a beautiful little home, I work hard and
23 I pay for it, I'm sure I can get credit,
24 but it don't look like you people are
25 to let me do it. Yes, I said it

1 don't look like you people are going to
2 let me do it. Like I said, my brother
3 might have been fortunate he got it over
4 there, but I'd just as well get it in here
5 because in that area like there, like some-
6 one said the other day, you ought to go
7 down and see the governor and say, "Look,
8 Governor, let's break this contract. Let's
9 give our black citizens a chance. Let's
10 build some homes there. Let's build some
11 schools. They got little children just like
12 we got. They need some back yard space.
13 They don't need to be playing in the street
14 all the time."

15 I looked at the summer program, they
16 got blocked off streets just for our children
17 to run up and down and skin their kness up,
18 I have been all around these rural areas
19 looking at beautiful back yards, swings,
20 maybe one or two of you may have a swimming
21 pool--the kids come in from school--just
22 the other day I think I was telling you,
23 Colonel, last week, I came in and I cried,
24 I looked at the children and they came in
25 from school and changed their clothes and

1 they went in the yard and jumped in the
2 pool and they had the books with them and
3 stuff and my mind came right back here to
4 Newark central ward, Emmet Street and
5 around--oh, yes, we got maybe a swimming
6 pool down here, maybe one there, I can't
7 recall the street right up there where all
8 the kids go and half of them can't get in,
9 they have certain hours for some to come
10 in, anyway I looked at those children and
11 they were just swimming and they had their
12 books to read and they got a nice lawn,
13 a nice place to play, they don't have to
14 run up and down the street. You come in
15 from your office, they raise the taxes,
16 you got all the jobs and we got to work on
17 garbage trucks.

18 I was told the other day because
19 I didn't have enough credits I couldn't
20 work as a physical instructor for the Board
21 of Education.

22 First they had said had I been to
23 college.

24 Yes, I was to college.

25 Are you teaching school now?

1 I said no, I'm not teaching school
2 now.

3 We're sorry, you can't get the job,
4 it's only for teachers.

5 I asked for a few other jobs around
6 and it's always the same, that I am not
7 qualified.

8 I'll tell you what, you, you or
9 any of you, you can look elsewhere because
10 what I am saying now is going to have a
11 repercussion on you just a little bit later
12 on and I don't mean like maybe two years
13 from now, I mean within the next few days
14 or few weeks or so, because what you are
15 trying to do is not going to get done
16 without some bloodshed, I'm letting you
17 know, I don't care if mine is the first
18 to be shed, I am going to shed it for my
19 children, for my people, we're going to get
20 what you're trying to stop us from getting.

21 If you don't want us to live around
22 you or near you, you are going to give us
23 the area and we are going to have the stuff
24 built that we need, we don't mean houses
25 12 or 14 stories high, we mean one-family

1 houses, two-family houses. We're going to
2 have yards with grass and flowers. We can
3 show you that we are not just slum, that
4 we are Class A citizens. We have boys over
5 there in Viet Nam making history. You know
6 one reason they segregated these services
7 because the black outfits that they had
8 was making too much of a name, too much
9 for our power, too good of a soldier, so
10 they wanted them split up so they could
11 find out what the black man was doing and
12 how he was thinking and how he can live
13 in a foxhole and eat rats and snakes and
14 still fight and pray and have that smile
15 on his face. Because he was a man. And
16 right here today while you're stealing from
17 us and lying to us we are still smiling
18 and we're going to get it, don't you forget
19 it. If you don't think that we are fighting
20 men, get on the battlefield with us side
21 by side and you'd rather be with us than
22 anybody else, I know because it has been
23 said before and it will be said again.

24 Yes, tears come into my eyes because
25 I am looking at people that don't tell the

1 truth, people that are sitting beneath a
2 flag that is honorable, people that tell us
3 one thing and then at the same time they're
4 telling somebody else something else and
5 they're sticking a God darn knife in our
6 back. You can stick me in the front because
7 I'm tired of being stuck in my back. I'm
8 not begging anymore. I'm not buying any-
9 thing you sell. You're going to sell a
10 program that we want and if you don't sell
11 it, you're going to sell it in blood, your
12 blood and my blood. I realize there's
13 two things that come up, I was born, yes,
14 something I couldn't help, I know I have
15 to die, how, it makes no damn difference.
16 I'm going to die honorably. I'm going to
17 die so that my children will be proud,
18 if they have to die, they will do the same
19 damn thing because we are not going to live
20 under this. If you think you are going to
21 get away from us, you brought us here, baby,
22 you're not.

23 Yes, you got an alternative. Like
24 our president was saying to Israel and the
25 Arabs, we got a sure way for peace. May is

1 it that everybody can find peace for every-
2 body else but for the black man in America
3 he can't, that's what I want to know, why
4 can't we find peace here. You holler peace
5 in Newark. There's no peace in Newark
6 among the black man and the white man, not
7 only in Newark, nowhere else, I don't care
8 what you people say.

9 Just the other night, and I was
10 only wishing that it had happened to me,
11 like I said, I don't mind dying, but the
12 man that kills me isn't going to sleep
13 because it wasn't right to kill me. There
14 was two cops in the car and they stopped a
15 friend, he wasn't a hoodlum, because he
16 didn't stop the man jumped out of the car,
17 the police officer and said, "Nigger, I
18 said stop, I said wait." He actually
19 scared him. He was coming to my house to
20 tell me something. When he did get there
21 I came out and I said I only wish that
22 policeman were there and it had been me.
23 Man, he could have shot me on the street
24 because I would let him know that I was a
25 man and I was honorable and you just don't

1 call me a nigger for nothing.

2 You know, I have been all over the
3 south, too, I was stationed in Camp Lejeune,
4 Parris Island, South Carolina, Florida,
5 I made liberty in Alabama, Tennessee and
6 I still lived, I still came home and I'm
7 going to keep on living because it's not
8 time for me to die yet. I think I'm going
9 to make you gentlemen see exactly what I'm
10 trying to say. You think there's a mad
11 school going up there, oh, yes, maybe it
12 will, but there is going to be a lot of
13 blood that is going to be shed and you are
14 going to be sorry because maybe it will
15 be yours, it could be. Yes, I want you
16 to look and I hope I am the first man out
17 in front because I'm not afraid, I want you
18 to know that.

19 I want you to think deeply when you
20 try to go home and sleep, should we go and
21 tell the mayor we want to break this
22 contract, that we can have 200 or 300
23 acres, let's build it out in the meadows
24 where we were going to build the track,
25 let's build it down on Wilson Avenue where

They're talking about beautifying America, a model city; this one, well, let's really make it a model city. I don't want bloodshed, but, baby, that's what we're going to have to do, we're going to have to put it in red, that's what we're going to have to do.

Let's look at Newark. Newark is a hell of a sight. It's really bad. Knock down some of them old buildings and build up new buildings. I like to see beautiful buildings and grass lawns and I look to see front lawns with flowers. You know when you get down from there, that's where you're going, you walk up your front walk and you go into your back yard and drink a can of beer, or soda if you don't drink beer. You know, we go back to a 12 or 13-story high building made of cement and tile and our kids fall down skinning their knees not on grass but on cement. It's no good, baby, it's no good. You all have the power, yes, you have the power, don't say you don't, you have the power to do these things that we're not begging you to

1 do anymore, but we are demanding you do
2 do these before something serious does
3 happen. To me it wouldn't matter if you
4 can't get it going in the next couple of
5 days or so, we'll do what we should do
6 and maybe things will start to happen.

7 You know, I'm just thinking about
8 September next year, I got a little girl
9 that's got to go all the way across town
10 to another school. That wouldn't have to
11 be because when you start breaking grounds
12 over here for a medical school, if it was
13 for schools, the schools that my girl can
14 go to, houses that they could live in, you
15 would be much surprised, then you could
16 say well, there's really no trouble in
17 Newark, Newark is a model city for the
18 United States, not only for the United
19 States but for the world because then you
20 would see unity with black and white, but
21 you got to do this thing first, you can't
22 continue to take and take and step on and
23 step on, I don't care how peaceful a man
24 I am, I'm not going to let you step on me
25 but so much and then the next time you step

1 on me you're going to be sorry that you ever
2 seen me.

3 Put the mad school in the meadows,
4 on Wilson Avenue, even in the lot over
5 here where you're building an office
6 building, you know, right next to the
7 Hallmark House, you can build a medical
8 school there, you don't need 150 acres
9 because if you notice all the medical
10 schools in the country have three or 400
11 people. It's ridiculous. You know just
12 in one of those buildings, take the Columbus
13 Homes, one of those 12-story apartments,
14 you got something like 1,000 families or
15 something living in it and there's no
16 150 acres and all the schools, I know the
17 medical schools all around the west,
18 New York and all, two or three hundred
19 people, I mean it's right here, Miller
20 Street right now is built for 1,086 people
21 and yet they got over 2,000-some-odd
22 children in that school and if I had my
23 list I could keep naming them but I don't
24 know them because all you people
25 know these things that we are saying and

1 I am not trying to be repetitious, I am
2 just trying to tell you something. I am
3 just trying to tell you to wake up, don't
4 sleep behind the desk when these people get
5 up and talk because you might think we are
6 talking not to be heard, that was a long
7 time ago, that was 25 or 30 years ago when
8 I begged and we begged to go in the service
9 to fight for our country. Well, we're not
10 begging no more, we are demanding.

11 When is your payday, Friday or
12 Saturday, when you expect your check?
13 For the last 50 or 60 years we have been
14 expecting a check, longer than that but
15 we ain't got it, my father was telling me
16 and his father before that, baby, I didn't
17 get that money and I am going to get it
18 and you're going to pay it off. What do
19 you think about that. I really want you
20 to think about it. I want you to think
21 that you got people here in Newark that
22 you know you can trust. When that flag
23 was made, the kind of people that you had
24 here, you wouldn't have that kind of
25 country that you got today, it's the

1 greatest country in the world. What do you
2 do, you step on people, that made it great?
3 You stepped on people, that made it great?
4 You ask what did the black man do to make
5 America great. Well, baby, I know your
6 history but you don't know mine, you don't
7 know mine because there's nothing that was
8 put down that the black man didn't have
9 his hand in, that he didn't build, yes,
10 he built city hall and all these other
11 buildings, he had a part in everything that
12 ever took place but because he was bull-
13 whipped and bulldozed and trampled on and
14 cut out to keep him from being the man
15 that he should because you are afraid of
16 him, it wasn't put down. Well, now you
17 should be more afraid than your fathers
18 were years ago because you are more potent.
19 We are not going to stand for what happens,
20 this is a new day, a new era. When our
21 boys come home from Viet Nam, they're going
22 to expect a little more than we expected
23 when we came home from Saipan and Okinawa
24 and baby, they're going to get it, we're
25 not going to let them down, not our children

1 and their children, they're not going to
2 let them down and to be truthful, your
3 children are not going to let them down,
4 so why don't you just come along and do
5 like you're supposed to do. Yes, look at
6 me, that's what I want you to do because
7 when you do you can join hands with me and
8 be a real man without being afraid. Now
9 he says this, but he's got the knife in
10 my back, if I don't walk a little faster
11 I will get it. Let me walk along with
12 you, if I have to, hand in hand and then
13 you don't have to worry about this man,
14 you don't have to worry about that no more,
15 then we can really have a victory, really
16 have what you're talking about, what you
17 want, because I'm going to tell you money
18 don't mean everything, you can't take it
19 with you. There was a man three or four
20 years ago, he died, he was worth a couple
21 of hundred million dollars, he was a great
22 man, he was our president, he couldn't take
23 his money with him, I'm talking about
24 Mr. Kennedy, and a whole lot of other
25 millionaires, you know that you can't take

1 money when you, so just try to do a little
2 more than think about getting money, that
3 almighty dollar. We are your brothers and
4 you need us and you should work with us
5 and for us, that's why you are sitting
6 where you are. You didn't just get there.
7 If you think I am fooling, just wait till
8 the voting time comes around. Remember
9 these things for your own benefit, for my
10 benefit, if you have children and grand-
11 children, I'm sure you are a grandparent,
12 I know I am, yes, my daughter, she's got
13 two children, I'm a very proud man and I
14 wish they was here just to hear us speak
15 now so they can stand in my shoes and they
16 wouldn't be afraid, I don't want them to
17 be afraid, they're not going to be afraid.

18 Gentlemen, I am going to state
19 just one more time, a hint to the wise
20 should be sufficient for the foolish.
21 Remember that.

22 You can see tears in my eyes, they
23 are real tears. Just remember what I have
24 to say, we can live in unity or we can die.
25 We have to do it one way or the other, so

1 why not live in unity and die in unity also.
2 It's up to you. It's up to the decision that
3 you make when these hearings come to an end,
4 but let it be a wise decision because as
5 soon as the decision is out you will see
6 the repercussions of your work of the people
7 that sacrificed their jobs to come down here,
8 people that has taken harassment to speak
9 when they tell their address, people who
10 are afraid the law may come to them. I am
11 not afraid, I want them to know who I am
12 and where I live because they always say
13 that a good leader is a troublemaker, we'd
14 better get rid of him and his group or band.
15 But behind him there's always another and
16 another and another, that's the way I'm
17 trying to teach my children, to be good
18 leaders and when one goes you can survive
19 with the rest.

20 I hope you remember that united we
21 would stand but a divided Newark just has
22 got to fall. So I mean, let's don't make
23 this a long, hot summer, let's don't make
24 it that. Your decision can make it a long
25 hot summer or it can make it a nice comfortable

1 summer. Think about it when you give your
2 decision or if your decision is already
3 reached, change it and go down and talk to
4 the governor and tell him how the people
5 feel. The people ain't playing anymore,
6 the playing days are over. I'm a man, you
7 don't play with me no more, you don't play
8 with me no more, I don't play. I don't
9 know what it is to play no more, I would
10 like to, but I don't, neither do my children
11 and if my children don't, yours ain't going
12 to either because we're going to keep them
13 working, thinking what is the next move
14 that we are going to do and maybe we are
15 going to make life miserable, we are going
16 to make it miserable so they can't sleep
17 at night. Now we want peace, so you'd
18 better think about your decision, think
19 about doing something real constructive
20 for the City of Newark, the people that
21 live in the City of Newark, for all the
22 people of the City of Newark and not only
23 that, your decision will affect mostly
24 everything in the State of New Jersey.

25 Taxwise, my tax went up the other day,

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I mean the kids wanted a television but I
couldn't afford to make another bill to pay
for the television, I got an extra bill for
\$10 and change a month that has to be paid,
that I should have went out and bought a
color television.

MR. COCUZZA: You have five more
minutes.

MR. PRICE: I am going to try to use
those five minutes.

I think the people would like to
know that I did come down here and help
keep their time for them so that maybe what
I am saying for them, as well as myself,
really meant something to you people sitting
up there because everybody may not be quite
as emotional as I am. I am very, very
emotional. I am sincere in what I say and
what I do. I'm sure if you had any dealings
with me you will find that out. You will
find out that I am for real, if I'm your
friend, I'm a friend all the way, you don't
have to worry about me being a real friend.

Taxes are going up. If you erect
the mad building in the area where you want,

1 where taxable property was, you're erecting
2 a non-taxable building, all that money that
3 we are not making now we are going to have
4 to take from our salaries and pay. You
5 don't really want us to live. If you don't
6 want us to live, we are going to die, but
7 not the way you think, maybe we're going to
8 die fighting, we're going to die side by
9 side, I'm going to die and you're going to
10 die with me, you know what I mean, he's
11 going to die with me and he's going to die
12 with me and he's going to die with me and
13 he's going to die with me.

14 I'm not going to say gentlemen,
15 because the word gentlemen means men of
16 honor, men of integrity and I can't believe
17 the gentlemen sitting in front of me repre-
18 sent the things that we want done, they're
19 doing just the opposite. People that tell
20 lies instead of truth can't be called
21 gentlemen. I would like to call you gentle-
22 men, but I'm just going to say fellows
23 thank you for hearing me on what I had to
24 say and I truthfully hope that it really
25 did some good to one of you six gentlemen

1 that you can help somebody up there change
2 and if their mind is the right
3 way, to keep it that way. I'm not even
4 going to say thank you because this is
5 time I paid for.

6 MR. COCUZZA: Will you give your
7 full name and address to the reporter.

8 REV. BENTON: My name is Reverend
9 Albert C. Benton, I live at 455 Elizabeth
10 Avenue, Newark, in the Weequahic Towers.
11 I came here to speak this morning not for
12 just myself but for the people that is being
13 affected in the area where the medical
14 school is about to be built. I feel kind
15 of bad this morning, I want to clear up
16 something for the record, I want this to go
17 on the record, that my actions and my
18 activities in the City of Newark are con-
19 cerned with Negro organizations, with the
20 Negro movement and I can count myself some-
21 what responsible for Charlie Makey, the
22 director of the Board of Chosen Freeholders
23 of Essex County when he came into politics
24 in 1945, when he came to buck Ellenstein.
25 We had one of the mayor's aides over here,

Jennie Levin, when she went to work for the City of Newark, I was responsible for her job. Harry Van Dyke, the first Negro democratic committeeman in Essex County when we didn't have one, I was responsible for him. All of us had a hard time even until today. I am responsible for Harry Van Dyke being elected to the county committee of Essex County and he was number one on the list when we had none. When I started to elect Harry Van Dyke it wasn't an easy job. We had a lady by the name of Mary Haas, this was back in the '30s, she came to me and she said, "Denton, do you know what you're doing in the 15th ward, first district, you're breaking down a tradition, something we set up here, we taught you colored people how to vote." I went into those old dilapidated houses where the colored folk were and it wasn't fit for a man of my caliber to go in there, but I trained them and got them out. I say that's my first reason for being here today, that's why I want elected a Negro to go among these Negro folk and go into these

1 dilapidated houses and go there where you
2 folks don't want to go yourselves. I
3 haven't been asked yet.

4 I was questioned here the other night:
5 Who paid you?

6 Who paid me?

7 I think that everybody knows that I
8 was a member of the Irvin Turner Association
9 of Newark and may I say regretfully that I
10 think everybody remembers the Irvin Turner
11 Association, some of the members are sitting
12 here right now, they know that to my
13 regret and to their regret that this great
14 organization in the City of Newark was torn
15 apart. It was torn apart because we was
16 ignorant. In 1962 is when the organization
17 was destroyed. Had we been intelligent we
18 would never have allowed it to be torn
19 apart.

20 In 1945 when Doc Ellenstein came
21 back to city hall, in 1945 Ralph Villani,
22 the president of this council was elected
23 the same time, when they were elected, when
24 they had the inauguration right in this
25 room, I stood right there and I seen what

to them because the Irish people
majority, they gave Villoni a
seat in the parks and they gave Ellenstein
a seat on the sidewalks in the public works,
that's what they did to them because they
were in the majority, they wasn't Negroes,
they was Jews and Italians.

I don't think that you have anybody
here who has been all over the South. I
came from Georgia, I was born there.

There's two subjects here that I
would like to speak to you about this morn-
ing, the way it is and how to do it. You
got to use kings and queens. We've all
entertained but we forgot the common touch.
There's something for us to do among our-
selves. I heard the speaker ahead of me
say he wants a beautiful back yard for his
children to play in. I certainly do. I am
just as much in favor as anyone here in
the audience this morning, I'm in favor of
having homes built where the red site is
going along with it? I'm being patriotic.

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2 Owens, on a
3 got Dr. Hutchins as a senator and they voted

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7 ON: But a majority rules,
8 a majority of the 21 counties in the State
9 of New Jersey voted that the medical
10 college should be put there and a majority
11 rules in this country.

12 The greatest words that I ever heard
13 were in 1956 when we was in Washington,
14 when Martin Luther King said he had no
15 axe to grind with the people down in the
16 South concerning elections, the only thing
17 he asked this country for was the ballot,
18 to give us the ballot, that's what we need.

19 In the City of Newark we constitute
20 60 per cent of the population and 76 per
21 cent of the children that is in school.
22 What do I look like here this morning
23 begging you to do something with me and
24 I got the majority, I'm in power, if I use
25 my power, it's not black power or white

power, one of them powers, you march and
you're picketing all over the city. I have
two marches on, two places to march, I march
to the polls and I march to the bank, I
find that's where you need to march. You
go to the polls and vote and you put that
money together and you don't have to come
here and beg, you don't have to bother to
ask these people. We're not begging no
more. We should make demands, but first
you got to solidify yourself. On top of
that I'm a slum lord, a landlord is a slum
lord. I bought 87 Newton Street in 1958,
87 Newton Street, I bought it off an Italian
family, I had a great big yard, as big as
this whole auditorium with shade trees and
benches and lights and everything, when I
bought it. Six months later they cut the
grape vines down, tore the benches, cut the
wires down. Do I blame you for that? I
don't blame you. If we want a back yard,
we got to keep them. They tore it up, I
didn't tear it up.

Who tore it up?

W. BLANTON: Who tore it up? I

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didn't tear it up, I rented it.

VOICE: Who are "they"?

REV. HENTON: I know no reason why

MR. COCUZZA: Ladies and gentlemen,
please extend the reverend some courtesy.

REV. HENTON: Thank you. I am here
in all fairness, when Irvin Turner
Association was growing up, when they didn't
have a telephone, the money to pay the tele-
phone bill, I paid it for them. When they
didn't have no heat in the place, I bought
it. When we went out and met on Sunday
and in different halls and they had no
money to pay for it, I paid for it. I
wasn't working against no Negroes, I was
for the . . . When Irving Turner ran in 1959,
when he first ran for public office I was
his campaign manager and I gave him his
first ballot, I gave it to him.

MR. COCUZZA: Reverend, may I ask
you to adhere to the subject matter before
. . . is the plighted area "surrounding
Bergen Street on the west, Norfolk Street
. . . t, South Orange Avenue on the

1 south and 12th Avenue on the north.

2 REV. LAMTON: My reason for coming
3 here--I'm sorry I don't have my list with
4 me--since the other night I made a personal
5 visit from South Orange Avenue to 12th
6 Avenue, from Bergen Street as far down as
7 Norfolk Street, and may I say to you that
8 95 per cent of the homeowners want to sell.
9 Now they didn't stipulate to me--I'm going
10 to be honest with them--that they wanted
11 a medical college either, they wanted to
12 sell that property regardless of whether
13 they built a medical college or homes, now
14 that's it, homeowners. The people who live
15 in there, I ran into a lot of people who
16 live there and about 75 per cent may I say
17 is willing to move. I went to one house
18 and this family did not want to move and
19 I checked it, no water, no plumbing, no
20 toilet, no lights, no heat and they didn't
21 want to move.

22 I can't see why not.

23 If they're going to relocate me,
24 where are they going to put me? He said,
25 "We have been here a long time and we want

1 to stay here." We find this same complex
2 in the same community.

3 But now members of this board and
4 members of my race who are here, I am a
5 Negro just like you, we are no different,
6 I'm just the same as you, I mean I'm here
7 : : : interest of the citizens of the City
8 of Newark, not as an individual group and
9 all of us has to live here in the City of
10 Newark and we should try to make this a
11 better city and a better home for all the
12 people, all ethnic groups, no individual
13 groups, I don't care what it is.

14 I feel that every man and woman who
15 sits in this audience here should think in
16 terms to make Newark a better city for all
17 of us to live in and this is my determi-
18 nation and I am hoping and praying that
19 the members who are here and the people on
20 the opposite side--and my thinking is this
21 is America and we don't have to think the
22 same way, I don't, I'm no different, I
23 know we need schools in the City of Newark,
24 : : : and I know we need
25 homes and better homes in the City of Newark,

1 I know that just as you do and I am in
2 favor for that, I am not against that and
3 I am not against your building a new
4 school, I'm not against that either because
5 [REDACTED]
6 [REDACTED]

7 [REDACTED] say they're running the Negroes
8 [REDACTED]. If they run them out of
9 one section they are putting them in
10 another section and what does it matter
11 if you take 60 per cent from this side and
12 put 60 per cent to that side, what does it
13 matter to me, as long as we have control,
14 which we have got. The only thing you got
15 to do now, ladies and gentlemen, is what
16 I am saying to you, use what you got.
17 We've got the upper hand. Do you think
18 I like coming down here and hollering and
19 looking at this board, looking at this board
20 with 60 per cent of the population of the
21 City of Newark black and looking at this
22 white board, do you really think that makes
23 [REDACTED] I don't feel good over that
24 at all. If there is anything I can do to
25 change it, I would be willing to do it, but

1 you can't do it like this.

2 [redacted] was born at in Georgia, if a
3 [redacted] that morning, if he came in
4 to town that morning, he'd better be gone
5 before dark, they wouldn't let him spend one
6 night there. Thirty years later I went
7 back there and they had a Jewish mayor of
8 the town, his name is Isadore Lipkin, he
9 didn't picket and he didn't march, he got
10 himself an organization and he got himself
11 some money together and he pushed his way
12 in there, the same way we can do.

13 [redacted] I got in my life I had to
14 pay for. Let us get some money and let us
15 build a strong solidified organization among
16 ourselves in the city of Newark, no reason
17 why we should be standing here this morning
18 begging the city council and begging this
19 planning board to do things when we have
20 the power to do it ourselves, we shouldn't
21 be here, it's a disgrace, none of us this
22 morning should be here because if we want
23 somebody up there, we have a majority and we
24 could put somebody up there and tell them
25 what to do just like all the other groups

1 , that's what we should do.

2 We need a councilman in the central ward.
3 We should have a ward chairman in the south
4 ward where I live. We should have the
5 councilman over there. We should have it.
6 I'm not here to make any apologies to any-
7 body, nobody is paying me to do nothing,
8 nobody is paying me, I am paying them.
9 Everybody knows that I don't get nothing
10 from nobody. Nobody living in the City
11 of Newark that ran for office could come
12 and say that I got something from them, I
13 gave them all something but nobody gave me
14 nothing and I'm not begging for nothing.
15 What I want to say is I'm not boasting, but
16 I had it to give, I worked when I was a
17 young man, I'm an old man now, 60 years
18 old, and I don't need no job.

19 A VOICE: What did they offer you?

20 REV. BENTON: Whatever they offered
21 me I paid for. I paid for the house. I
22 don't think that's any criticism. I got
23 four houses for sale, what difference does
24 it make, they're mine, anybody have any
25 objection of a man trying to do good in

1 this country, I think that's what makes
2 America so great. If you think there's
3 anything wrong with my philosophy in life,
4 what I'm doing, when you get 60 years old
5 I want to see you get up here in front of
6 this mike and you turn around and you tell
7 them that you ain't got no job nowhere.
8 I have worked hard all my life and I never
9 hurt a soul in my life. Every time they
10 said let's move or let's do something, I
11 gave them something, I was hoping in every
12 aspect of life. The same applies right now.
13 One of the members says we're going to have
14 bloodshed here, we're going to do this,
15 we're going to fight, we're going to give
16 our lives. Remember, we live in America
17 and we must be patriotic, that's what we
18 should first consider. On the other hand,
19 don't forget the story of the bull, when
20 he see the freight engine coming on the
21 tracks he got on the tracks and he tried
22 to knock the train off the tracks but the
23 train hit him and killed him and the other
24 bull said you had a good idea, Mr. Bull,
25 but you used bad judgment. He couldn't

1 knock that train off the tracks. The mayor
2 of the City of Newark, remember he's a white
3 man, he's an Italian. The director of the
4 police department in the City of Newark is
5 a white man, he's an Italian. The prosecutor
6 of this county is Brendan T. Byrne. The
7 sheriff of the law enforcement department
8 that we have in Essex County is Leroy D'Aloia.
9 The governor of the state is Richard J.
10 Hughes, he has charge of the state militia.
11 What would I look like this afternoon going
12 there with a crowd of people throwing rocks
13 and throwing bottles and bricks at the
14 New Jersey State militia. We got September
15 coming in the primary. We got a November
16 coming for an election. We got a 1968
17 coming. That's the time to hit them. You
18 go to the polls and hit them at the polls
19 and they'll feel it and you'll be more
20 respected.

21 The way to get them is two ways, 6
22 march to the bank is number one and march 7
23 to the polls, number two. Take those two
24 marches and see if I am wrong. I know what
25 you can do with the ballot box and I know

1 What you can do with money in this country
2 because I have been very successful, I'm
3 not ashamed. A lot of people say this guy
4 goes around boasting, I have to say this
5 because it's an unusual thing for a Negro
6 to get up before a group of Negroes and
7 in front of white people and say I got it
8 because I worked for a living all my life
9 and I invested my money and I don't think
10 there is anything wrong with that. When
11 I meet young boys on the street of my race
12 I try to tell them how I did it so they
13 will follow my footsteps because I have
14 nothing to be ashamed of in my life. I
15 know every time I found a man or a woman
16 in distress I went to his cause and I did
17 something to help him and it didn't have
18 to be a Negro, as long as he was a human
19 being, he lives in this country. God made
20 every one of us alike, he set us here to
21 do work and live together and work together,
22 and that's what we are put here to do,
23 that's what we are created for, he didn't
24 create any distinction or hate. I know
25 white people have the upper hand because

1 he took America off, he's got everything
2 in the country, I would be like he is if
3 I was a white man, I would be just like you,
4 you own a bank and the money that's in the
5 bank, the sea and the ships that sails it,
6 plane that flies, the railroad and the train
7 that runs on it. I can't get the railroad
8 away from you but I got some of your money,
9 it's not got nobody's name on it, it
10 belongs to every one of us, get some of
11 that, not the white power or the black
12 power or all them different powers that
13 these folks talk about, just two powers,
14 the power of the ballot and the power of
15 the bank, that's all you need in the United
16 States, that's the greatest democracy in
17 this country and throughout the entire
18 world, we are recognized for that.

19 I want you people to know that I
20 believe that we should have schools and
21 homes in the city of Newark first above
22 the medical college as much as you do, on
23 the other hand we have to be patriotic to
24 our government, I must follow procedure
25 and be patriotic. If they had not passed

1 the law that they should build a medical
2 college, I would be against it, I would be
3 here and fight till hell freezes over be-
4 cause you would be violating the law.

5 It's not a matter of building the medical
6 college that causes us to be here this
7 morning, they are going to build the
8 college whether they get the money from
9 the federal government or not. It's a
10 matter of dollars and cents that we are
11 talking about. Is it worth it? Can you
12 name me one child or one human being that
13 lives in the City of Newark that you would
14 sacrifice his life for any amount of money,
15 especially on the situation like what we
16 have standing here?

17 I believe that if we went out there
18 in the City of Newark from here this date,
19 each and every one of them, I pledge you
20 this and I challenge you, the opposition,
21 I challenge you this morning in public and
22 I want this for the record, if you can
23 find me--they say 125 to 150,000 Negroes
24 in the City of Newark, if you can find me
25 99 negroes with \$1,000 to start an organi-

1 zation, a certified solidified organization,
2 find me 99 to put up \$1,000, my word of
3 honor, I'll give you \$5,000 of my money to
4 move in there to help you change the
5 condition of the Negroes in the City of
6 Newark.

7 Thank you.

8 MR. COCUZZA: Is there anyone here
9 who has submitted a card and would like to
10 speak? Those who have submitted a card and
11 who have not spoken, will you step forward
12 and give your name.

13 Have you submitted a card?

14 MR. CROOMS: Yes.

15 MR. COCUZZA: Would you give the
16 stenographer your name and address.

17 MR. CROOMS: David Crooms, 59 Quitman
18 Street, Newark, New Jersey.

19 MR. COCUZZA: You have 30 minutes

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21 MR. CROOMS: First of all, as a
22 student of this country I got a couple of
23 questions I want to ask you. Who decided
24 to build the medical college in the City?
25 What is the purpose of this hearing? Those

1 are two questions I would like to have an
2 answer to.

3 MR. COCUZZA: Mr. Crooms, as you have
4 been aware either from this chair or by
5 friends of yours, this is a public hearing
6 regarding the area surrounded by Bergen
7 Street on the west, Norfolk Street on the
8 east, South Orange Avenue on the South and
9 12th Avenue on the north, and the presentation
10 here is regarding whether your opinion of
11 the area is blighted or is not blighted,
12 that is the subject matter of the discussion
13 for consideration by this board.

14 MR. CROOMS: That's the only subject
15 matter?

16 MR. COCUZZA: Yes.

17 MR. CROOMS: Now just in front of me,
18 I'm going to go back and reflect on what
19 somebody said, that in that area that you
20 mentioned 70 per cent of the people want to
21 move. As a student, I have been working in
22 that area with people, teenagers, and their
23 replies to the request that they move are
24 simply that they don't know why they are
25 moving, just like I asked you two questions,

medical college is being
that some people say it's
of it, the Negro
population of the city? Where do we go?
You talk about a medical college, where do
we go after we finish elementary school on
half sessions? Where do we go after we
finish junior high, if we get that far?
The only in this nation that is out
for progress, where do we go after we
finish a high school where we get 60 per
cent? And we supposedly
have a good school system in Newark. What
happens to all those people who are going
to be moved out of the central ward if you
build this medical college? What happens
to the young people, what future do we
have? These are questions that everybody
asks but nobody answers them.

You hire a group to go out and
... questionnaires. The questionnaires
are worded so that half the people in the
area don't understand them. Then they come

back with answers that 85 per cent of the
people want to move, that 90 per cent of
the people want to sell their homes. How
can you read a questionnaire that is worded
negatively when you haven't finished the
eighth grade. You will find that the teen-
agers were not asked these questions, the
high school students were not asked the
questions. There were several people of
the few that your group interviewed who
said when they came to the door they asked
for my mother, so I went and got her.
She asked me to read her the questionnaire
and the interviewer took the questionnaire
and said, "Now, read it." They answered
yes to questions they didn't understand.
They answered yes to questions that half
of them didn't even hear. To prove that,
why don't you have someone follow your
field man out there to make sure they go
to every house this time and find out what
these people think. You all sit up there,
I'm quite sure you are all supposedly well
educated, y

1 What lives in this area who cannot get
2 through high school, where does he go? Who
3 answers these questions?

4 When you got yourself 1500 young
5 Americans who turn around and ask you after
6 reading the paper who decided to build the
7 medical college here, who answers the
8 question? Is it the mayor? He signed the
9 contract. Then he's helping the people?
10 But how is he helping the people? You tell
11 me. Who can teach at the medical college,
12 who can teach there? Eighth graders? Who
13 is going to go to the medical college?
14 Someone who just about finished an
15 unaccredited high school?

16 You should be aware that the south
17 side was under that predicament last year,
18 but still and all we need a medical college.
19 What for? Let me ask you questions for a
20 half an hour because we don't have answers,
21 you are going to decide whether or not the
22 area is blighted. I tell you the area may
23 be blighted but who decides where those
24 people go? Our relocation officers?
25 Ninety per cent of my friends don't want

1 to live in public housing. Have you ever
2 [redacted] [redacted] Street? Have you ever gone
3 around Prince Street?

4 [redacted]
5 [redacted]
6 [redacted]
7 [redacted]
8 You got a big emphasis now on
9 education, everything is for higher education.
10 We are all for higher education, but we
11 find out, the young people of this city
12 find out that you voted for higher education
13 on the surface, you're for higher education
14 for every other student but the black student
15 in this community. You sit up there and you
16 say, "Well, we're not supposed to answer
17 questions, it's not our purpose. If you
18 want any answers, come back after we have
19 made a decision." It's too late. Now is
20 the time for the youth of this city to sit
21 up there and help you make that decision
22 because it's going to affect us and maybe
23 40 years from now when this college
24 [redacted] ally does something for the
25 community, it won't help Newark. I know

1 What goes on in medical colleges. A
2 medical college is for the main purpose
3 of training people, that's like experiment-
4 ing, you get a guinea pig and you find out
5 what he reacts to and what he doesn't, the
6 only thing it's in a more advanced stage,
7 you train people. It's nice to train
8 people, but it's necessary to give people
9 an opportunity to be trained. Where do
10 we go from here? I'm willing to make a
11 bet with you right now when and if, which
12 is a big word "if" this medical college
13 is ever built you won't have more than
14 12 negroes in that school, no more than
15 12 Negroes, you can count them on one hand.
16 What do we do? How many Negroes do you
17 think you will have in that school from
18 Newark? We can't even get out of high
19 school. What are you supposed to do?

20 You see, these are all questions
21 and the only fair way to do this thing
22 would be to hold a hearing where you, the
23 board, can give us answers because we're
24 asking the questions and nobody is
 answering them. We're all colored and

1 we're taken lightly. So we all sit back
2 and we enjoy the day. We don't have any-
3 thing to worry about, you made your mark,
4 you're making your money and you don't have
5 anything to worry about whatsoever, but
6 what happens to the young people of this
7 city when they go, I'll say to register
8 or attempt to apply to a college and they
9 say, "When you get here, you are going to
10 have to pay extra tuition." It's like some-
11 one going to kindergarten and you tell your
12 kids in kindergarten that we're going to
13 stick you in college now. What does this
14 do? Where does he go from there? What
15 does he do with words that he doesn't under-
16 stand? What do you say about it? That's
17 right, be calm, take the questions and
18 consider them deeply. It may not be the
19 old people here today who it will affect
20 in the broadest sense, it might not affect
21 them too much, but what happens to the people
22 now who are 18, 19 and 20 and even those
23 22, what happens to them in the future when
24 they have to sit around and see all these
25 things going on and forth across the

1 heart of their city where they live, where
2 they grew up, if they're not pushed down,
3 what happens to them when they sit back
4 and say no can anyone build a medical
5 school in a city like this when it's hard
6 to get accepted at any college. This is
7 throughout the country.

8 You'll find that in more than 50
9 per cent of the people who graduate, who
10 really do graduate from high school, have
11 to go to a junior college, that's from this
12 city. You'll find that less than 35 per
13 cent of the people who do graduate don't
14 go to college, why? Because people are
15 sitting back planning medical schools when
16 they ought to be building junior colleges
17 in this city, because people are planning
18 medical schools when they don't know what
19 they're doing.

20 You sit up there and you're all at
21 ease, I am quite aware of that, it's very
22 comfortable in here, there's nothing to do.
23 You have good jobs to go to, maybe, but
24 you really don't have anything to do today,
25 so you just come back and you sit back and

1 try to see your faces and close your
2 ears. Let me tell you one thing right now,
3 you may sit up there and make a decision
4 and say we are going to bring the medical
5 school in here, but you are going to find
6 out when the bulldozers come up and when
7 people start talking about this is where
8 the state goes for this blueprint and that
9 the state goes for that blueprint, you'd
10 better have some guards because the young
11 people in this city aren't going to let you
12 put up something that is not going to bene-
13 fit them. We're tired of being janitors.
14 None of you have ever been a janitor, you
15 never saw your father come in after pushing a
16 broom all day and plop down beat or come
17 down after loading a truck because he never
18 finished school.

19 You say it's not your fault. Whose
20 fault is it? You're going to build a medical
21 college but who can go to it? These are
22 things that should be considered. If you
23 got anything on the ball at all and if you
24 are in any way concerned with the future of
25 this city, I think you'd better consider it

1 and consider it really. Who gets benefited
2 by the medical school? They say the Negroes
3 don't have equal capabilities, they just
4 don't t. That's a lie. If they are
5 given a chance to, they can prove it.

6 Now you got four years of college at
7 Rutgers right down in Newark, sit out there,
8 go out there one day, one of those days
9 when you don't have anything to do, go sit
10 there and count how many black kids come
11 out of that school who live in this city,
12 find how many are coming out of that school,
13 count how many in every graduating class
14 who go out to college and you will find it's
15 less than 35 per cent. Why? Because we
16 haven't been prepared for it and you want
17 a medical college.

18 You're a planning board, nobody
19 knows what you do. What plans do you make?
20 Are you making plans on the way the federal
21 government can pay you back this money?
22 ng plans on whether this college
23 will spread out to remove everything that
24 is in the way? What plans are you making?
25 What is the purpose of your planning board?

1 Once you remove all those Negroes and
2 Puerto Ricans and everybody who lives in
3 that area, where do you go from there?
4 Do you go in the south ward and push them
5 out or do you just stay there and hope
6 nobody else comes back or is it true that
7 you want to break the Negro voting block.
8 It took a long time to establish it and
9 we are not going to give it up because this
10 is my future. One thing I'm not going to
11 do is let you play with my future.

12 There are many young Negroes coming
13 out of school now who can find summer jobs
14 that pay \$1.25. Who wants to work for
15 \$1.25. Would you work for \$1.25 now? But
16 still and all, you know, it's your training
17 that you are lacking or you are not prepared
18 for this job.

19 How can you sit up there and even
20 think about a medical college? How can
21 you think about one? I'm not saying bring
22 one in, I say think about it because no
23 matter what you try to do to bring it in,
24 we're going to stop you. You can sit up
25 there and think about a medical college but

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1 you don't know what you got yourself into
2 when you volunteered to be on that board.
3 You were selected to be on that board.
4 There's no one on that board from the central
5 ward, what happened? All the city plans
6 go to the north ward, is that what happens?
7 Is everything that is going on in the city
8 to take place in the north ward? Do you
9 consider yourself democratic and represent
10 the people of the city? I haven't begun
11 yet to attack anybody. I don't attack
12 people. I think it's a big farce right
13 now that you are all sitting up there and
14 telling these people we are here to hear
15 your grievances as to whether or not this
16 is a blight area. But how much weight
17 does that make up, the reports that your
18 researchers took out, how much weight does
19 that have, is it equal to this hearing?
20 How many people do you have to hear to
21 be convinced that this is no city for a
22 medical college that is spread out over
23 150 acres. Constantly the man sits back
24 and says, 'Well, it was only 50 acres at
25 . . . I'm not fooling anybody.

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I came to the meeting and ask what
is going on, is this medical site on 50
acres or 150 acres. The planning board
sits back there and we come back every day
and give up our time from work and give up
all the leisure time we have, because there's
very little time we do have, we come back
and we present our problems but I just
wonder how many of you sitting up there
have ever lived in the central ward, better
yet how many have ever driven through the
central ward and stopped and looked at some
of the area. They may be blighted from
the outside, but who lives in them? How
can they do any better when you got people
fighting against you? Then again how can
you live any better when you got your own
kind coming up here telling you that you
can't do any better? The only way to do
any better is to have green power, that's
okay.

MR. RICHARDSON: Mr. Chairman, you
is not a quorum, you just

1 record is being recorded and whatever he
2 doesn't hear he will hear when he comes
3 back.

4 MR. RICHARDSON: May I just say in
5 the interest of orderly procedure of the
6 scheduling of our speakers, could you give
7 us a timetable when you are going to adjourn
8 and when we will have the next call because
9 some people want to leave or don't know
10 whether they are going to be here.

11 MR. COCUZZA: Mr. Richardson, we
12 are going to recess at 12:30 and continue
13 at 1:30 and then recess at 3:30.

14 MR. RICHARDSON: How about this
15 evening?

16 MR. COCUZZA: Then we will adjourn
17 to seven p.m. this evening.

18 You may continue, Mr. Crooms.

19 MR. CROOMS: How many of the youth
20 of this city have you heard speak? These
21 are the people you are going to affect.
22 How many of them have come up here and
23 you have heard? How does this come to
24 have any meaning to you? What sort of
25 weight does this carry in your decision?

1 We are going to be the ones who are going
2 to be affected, I'll say who are affected
3 the most. You don't have to put up with it
4 because you don't live in the area. I
5 live in the area. What do I want a medical
6 college up there for when my little brother
7 has a very slim chance of going to that
8 college in the beginning. Sure, they're
9 going to give us a community college, but
10 this end of it would be technical and the
11 other end of it would be educational.
12 There are too many tricks going on. You
13 may not be a part of the trick, but you
14 may have been brought into it, but there
15 are too many tricks going on.

16 If you in any way can come back
17 with the decision that this area is blighted,
18 it will be totally physical because in the
19 minds of the people this is their homes
20 and there is no other place like it. Where
21 do we go from here, they ask. When this
22 hearing is over you will all go to your
23 homes and you have no problems, you go home.
24 Where do we go from here?
25 Just think about all those questions I asked

1 if you don't this area blighted. There's
2 some shytack going on somewhere because how
3 do you keep this stuff out of the eyes of
4 the people? How? These are questions,
5 why don't you answer them? You can't
6 answer that now. I'll bet you, the board,
7 have no idea of what is going on, but the
8 people do. The young people are keeping up
9 with you. We know what is going on and we
10 are going to change it one way or the other,
11 we're going to change it. Everybody says
12 it's not right to get up and speak about
13 violence. I'm not speaking about violence,
14 I'm speaking about what is right and what
15 we have coming in a democratic society.
16 We have the right to know what you are going
17 to do because this affects us and we don't
18 have a representative up there who can
19 constructively speak for us, there never
20 has been one.

21 Where do we go from here? You'll
22 adjourn and you'll all go home and have
23 lunch, but where do we go from here? Do
24 start again? It's your decision,
25

1 and when they catch up, that's trouble, if
2 you don't make the right decision.

3 MR. CUCUZZA: Will you step up and
4 give your name and address to the reporter.

5 MR. WINANS: My name is Derrick
6 Winans and I live at 214 Chadwick Avenue
7 in Newark.

8 MR. CUCUZZA: You have 30 minutes,
9 Mr. Winans.

10 MR. WINANS: Mr. Chairman, the City
11 of Newark is the most densely populated
12 city in the United States, crammed into a
13 very small area are 416,000 people, an area
14 that is made much smaller now because the
15 Port of New York Authority controls and
16 uses for seaports and airports large tracts
17 of land which cannot be used therefore for
18 residential development, in addition large
19 tracts of land undeveloped have heretofore
20 been proven unfeasible for economic
21 development of any kind. Why then would
22 we have a technical school proposed for the
23 City of Newark on a tract which I believe
24 is now about enlarged to 169 acres or
25 approximately one-third of the central ward

of Newark. It's difficult to keep track of exactly the size of the proposed blighted area because it has been changed several times in the past few weeks and months.

I think it is fair to say there are three principal reasons for building this medical school on this site:

One, because some people are going to make some profit.

Two, because it represents a shift of power in the City of Newark.

Three, because of blatant prejudice and what has heretofore been called the back white lash which exists in the city of Newark.

In the first place, on the day the city council approved contracts with the medical school trustees, right out in front of this building, on top of the entrance was the notation this was Chamber of Commerce week, I think it was very appropriate because we know the Chamber of Commerce has been pushing this plan very hard for the past several months. There's 71 million

in this area to

1 begin with on the medical school, taxpayers
2 money from all over the state, in addition
3 the City of Newark will lose in initial
4 loss of ratables 21 million dollars, also
5 it has raised its deficit by 15 million
6 dollars, these facts are on top of a 30 per
7 cent tax increase this year, which means
8 every renter and homeowner this year next
9 month, as a matter of fact, would be con-
10 fronted with a sharp increase in residential
11 taxes and rent. That means that the
12 residents of the City of Newark are not
13 going to benefit from this medical school.
14 That means the people who run the city,
15 most who don't even live in the city, people
16 who are on this board, people from Prudential,
17 the Chamber of Commerce, the people who run,
18 the city, who live outside of the city are
19 going to benefit. How?

20 In the first place, they don't pay
21 the same rate of taxes that the homeowners
22 in the city pay. It would be very surprising
23 to you to find that business interests in
24 the City of
25 of ratables, after all, one of the fe

standards for you to declare this area
blighted is that it must increase rateables..

Somehow the Newark Housing Authority
must demonstrate to you that its plans for
tearing down this 109 acres would actually
increase rateables for the City of Newark,
that is by federal regulation, also stipu-
lated in the state law which is a copy of
the federal regulations. I challenge them
to show in any way how this is going to
add rateables to the City of Newark. It's
not. For you to declare this area blighted,
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
ment of this area through urban renewal
will in fact add rateables to the city.
It will not. Why therefore would some
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
of rateables, 12 million dollars minimum
in loss of rateables. For one reason, be-
cause most of the downtown business interests
pushing this plan now have tax benefits,
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] titles them to pay
considerably less taxes for 15 or a 20-year
period, therefore they are not going to
suffer [REDACTED] tax increases that will result

from the distribution of these rentals,
not as other people are going to suffer.

Secondly, many of the interests
pushing this medical school are real estate
speculators, mortgage lenders, appraisers
and others who are going to benefit from
the 71 million dollars. Many of them have
friends, relatives who sit on the board in
the City of Newark, who are councilmen in
the City of Newark. Many of the people
who sit on this board, many indeed have an
interest in the area, an economic interest
in seeing this plan accomplished and to
find out, I would like to ask you, I am
going to read to you from the tax rolls
the ownership of each property that is to
be destroyed and when I am through I am
going to ask each one of you to put into
the record whether or not any one of you
or your relatives share in any of the
ownerships of any of these lands in the
area or hope to share in any future develop-
ment or expect any dealings with the
Newark Housing Authority, which is the
agency pushing this plan and if you do or

have had or have any reasonable expectation
of having, you are guilty of larceny.

4 - 12th Avenue, Morris
Wagman, 115 Panama Avenue, 4,987 square

6 - 12th Avenue, Harold Zeigman,
23 Bulger Road, Cranford, 2525 square feet.

8 - 12th Avenue, Henry Argyle,
2475 square feet.

12 - 12th Avenue, L. J. Antiga,
917 Kellench Road, Elizabeth, 2500 square

14 - 12th Avenue, John Riccio,
2537 square feet.

Wallace Street, Edward Hylor,

Wallace Street, Vincenza Saponari,

2242 square feet.

42 Wallace Street, Thomas Aren,

42 Wallace Street, Wallace St. Corp.,

2242 square feet.

42 Wallace Street, Hayward Johnson,

2242 square feet.

42 Wallace Street, Robert Morgan,

Green, 2170 square feet.

42 Wallace Street, Sophia Ralls,

c/o 1211 1/2, 1211 1/2 Wallace Street, 2735

293 Wallace Street, 2774 square feet.

42 Wallace Street, Morris Scott

1211 1/2 Wallace Street,

2909 Wallace Street, Union, 2767 square feet.

42 Wallace Street, Louis Smith,

Green Street, 2735 square feet.

1211 1/2 Wallace Street, Eugene Williams,

J. 55th Street,

Los Angeles, California, 2250 square feet.

177 - 13th Avenue, Miguel Coro.,

c/o S. Celis., 169 Clinton, 3593 square feet.

175 - 13th Avenue, Mayer Goldsmith,

140 Mycliff, 2699 square feet.

171-173 - 13th Avenue, Eliagh Norwood,

407 Littleton Avenue, 2795 square feet.

169 1/2 - 13th Avenue, G&B Hldg. Co.,

17 Academy Street, 1283 square feet.

169 - 13th Avenue, Nathan Barry,

17 Academy Street, 956 square feet.

167 - 13th Avenue, Floral Realty

Co., c/o H. Melchmar, 295 Keer Avenue,

874 square feet.

37-43 Rutgers Street, Michael Fano,

725 High Street, 6477 square feet.

35 Rutgers Street, Barrah Rety Co.

Inc., 33 Rock Spring Avenue, West Orange,

2731 square feet.

33 Rutgers Street, Margaret Wright,

49 Astor, 2761 square feet.

29-31 Rutgers Street, Bokutt Rlty

Corp., 5511 square feet.

25-27 Rutgers Street, Barrah Rlty.,

33 Rock Spring Avenue, West Orange, 4520

square feet.

23 Rutgers Street, West Rutgers Ltd.,
2556 square feet.

West Rutgers Ltd.,
2221 square feet.

19 Rutgers St., 206 - 15th Ave.
Inc., 233 S. 20th St., 2332 square feet.

17 Rutgers St., 266 - 15th Ave.
Inc., 238 S. 20th Street, 2332 square feet.

15 Rutgers St., Marcelons Kereps,
2217 Square feet.

13 Rutgers St., Albert Adler,
2296 square feet.

11 Rutgers Street, Albert Adler,
2106 square feet.

9 Rutgers Street, Verve Rlty Co.,
c/o M. Ver. Co, 43 B. Sandra Circle,
Westfield, 2136 square feet.

70 Nelson Street, Newark Gardens
Convalescent Sanitorium, 17 Academy Street,
72,580 square feet.

64 Nelson Street, Clifton C. Shorta,

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2 Ken Street, John L. Mathis,
3 2500 square feet.

4 90 Kenyon Street, James G. Wistard,
5 2500 square feet.

6 92 Kenyon Street, William O'Loughlin,
7 2500 square feet.

8 107 - 13th Avenue, Nicholas Caulia,
9 2500 square feet.

10 195 - 13th Avenue, N. Caputo, Jr.,
11 322 Vermont Avenue, 2504 square feet.

12 193 - 13th Avenue, Ede Ascn.,
13 c/o R. R. Marzulli, 350 Broad Street,
14 2596 square feet.

15 191-109 - 13th Avenue, City of
16 Newark, 4515 square feet.

17 137 - 13th Avenue, Annie S. Blumenthal,
18 c/o B. Lott, 160 Grattan Avenue, 2500
19 square feet.

20 185 - 13th Avenue, James W. White,
21 2500 square feet.

22 183 - 13th Avenue, Otto A. Hawkins,
23 1018 Savings Inst., 2500 square

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25 63 Wallace Street, Karol Trembol,

1 Ink, 290 Somel Avenue, Garfield,
2 2500 square feet.

3 61 Wallace Street, Daniel Lewis,

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5 Rahm Kurz, 744 Broad Street,
6 3500 square feet.

7 57 Wallace Street, Charles B. Simmons,
8 246 Halsted, East Orange, 3650 square feet.

9 53 Wallace Street, Romili Rlty., Inc.,
10 c/o R. DeRose, 28 Branford Place, 3615
11 square feet.

12 32 - 12th Avenue, David Wasserman,
13 1812 square feet.

14 34 - 12th Avenue, W & S Holding Co.,
15 786 Broad Street, 1875 square feet.

16 36 - 12th Avenue, Mary McQuane,
17 2500 square feet.

18 38 - 12th Avenue, Zehede Leary,
19 2500 square feet.

20 40 - 12th Avenue, Louise Epperson,
21 2500 square feet.

22 42 - 12th Avenue, Robert Banks,
23 2500 square feet.

24 44 - 12th Avenue, Mary Samanelli,
25 2009 square feet.

- 1 40 - 12th Avenue, James McGay,
- 2 2028 square feet.
- 3 68 Bruce Street, Mary DellaRata,
- 4 1130 square feet.
- 5 68 Bruce Street, Joseph Capeluso,
- 6 2500 square feet.
- 7 70 Bruce Street, BHL Properties Inc.,
- 8 c/o M. Linnick, 266 Seymour Avenue, 2450
- 9 square feet.
- 10 72 Bruce Street, Edith Koenigsberg,
- 11 2500 square feet.
- 12 74 Bruce Street, Mabel Jacusz,
- 13 2500 square feet.
- 14 76 Bruce Street, Robert Branch,
- 15 2500 square feet.
- 16 78 Bruce Street, Henry Antoine,
- 17 2500 square feet.
- 18 80 Bruce Street, Henry Antoine,
- 19 2500 square feet.
- 20 82 - Bruce Street, Rescue Fire
- 21 Dept., 5,000 square feet.
- 22 86 Bruce Street, Sam Scott, 2531
- 23 square feet.
- 24 90 Bruce Street, Oliver Hunt,
- 25 2919 square feet.

1 92 Bruce Street, Elizabeth Hampton,
2 2514 square feet.
3 Bruce Street, Charlie Raskins,
4 2500 square feet.
5 96 Bruce Street, Howard Smith, 240
6
7 98 Bruce Street, Elizabeth Baker,
8 2500 square feet.
9 100 Bruce Street, Christian Hutchin-
10 son, 2500 square feet.
11 213 - 13th Avenue, Elmour W. Kaphuas,
12 1871 Vaux Hill Road, Union, 2500 square feet.
13 211 - 13th Avenue, V. Walter Robinson,
14 2500 square feet.
15 209 - 13th Avenue, Theresa Berveridge,
16 348 Ellery Avenue, 2500 square feet.
17 207 - 13th Avenue, N. Caputo, 315
18 Vermont Ave., Irvington, 2500 square feet.
19 205 - 13th Avenue, Joseph Caputo,
20 315 Vermont Ave., Irvington, 2500 square
21 feet.
22 203 - 13th Avenue, Pete Henry Smith,
23 Jr., 2500 square feet.
24 201 - 13th Avenue, Maria Stewart,
25 131 Prince, 2200 square feet.

199 - 15th Avenue, I. La Stewart,
131 Prince, 2300 square feet.

91 Newton Street, Fred O'Bryant,
2500 square feet.

89 Newton Street, Nathan Sellers,
c/o G. Snover, 9 Clinton, 2500 square feet.

87 Newton Street, Albert Lenton,
20 Watson Avenue, 2500 square feet.

85 Newton Street, Newton St., Corp.,
c/o A. L. Embry, 2500 square feet.

83 Newton Street, Louis Swartz,
610 Cameron Road, South Orange, 2500 square
feet.

81 Newton Street, Henry Danzey,
2938 square feet.

79 Newton Street, Patrick Brooks,
75 Newton Street, 2562 square feet.

77 Newton Street, Rosa Mayfield,
2500 square feet.

75 Newton Street, Patrick Brooks,
2500 square feet.

73 Newton Street, Tommie Charity,
2500 square feet.

71 Newton Street, Nat Kurtz, 2500
square feet.

son Street, Adolphus Mathews,

2500 sqm.

63 Norton Street, Allen Millinger,

18 Maple Terrace, 2506 square feet.

63 Norton Street, Richard Haglin,

65 Fuller Pl., Irvington, 2393 square feet.

61 Norton Street, Mildred Donner,

167 Osborne Terr., 2500 square feet.

59 Norton Street, Estella Johnson,

1250 square feet.

48 - 12th Avenue, Morris Constantin,

South Orange, 4,848 square feet.

52 - 12th Avenue, Nathan Reiss,

2120 Hudson Blvd., Jersey City, 2500 square
feet.

54 - 12th Avenue, Francesco Miranda,

2500 square feet.

56 - 12th Street, Joseph Rodnett,

58 - 12th Avenue, Thomas Ferrigno,

2500 square feet.

60 - 12th Avenue, Michele Santoro,

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2
3 Morris Avenue, Har-Der Rlty. Co.,
4 Inc., c/o L. Gross, 273 Clinton Place,
5 2506 Square feet.

6 165 Morris Avenue, Morris B. Holmes,
7 2500 square feet.

8 168 Morris Avenue, Nathan Deitz,
9 7 So. Orange Ave., 2500 square feet.

10 170 Morris Avenue, Robert H. Bowers,
11 2500 square feet.

12 172 Morris Avenue, Moran Morgan,
13 2500 square feet.

14 174 Morris Avenue, Clarence L. Hall,
15 2500 square feet.

16 176 Morris Avenue, Herman S. Tenkin,
17 1332 Morris Avenue, Union, 2500 square feet.

18 178 Morris Avenue, Vivian A. Erayboy,
19 2500 square feet.

20 180 Morris Avenue, Edward M. Vernick,
21 120 Union Avenue, Maplewood, 2500 square
22 feet.

23 182 Morris Avenue, Earl Kixley,
24 2500 square feet.

25 184 Morris Avenue, Lucille S. Mosley,

2500 square feet.

Morris Avenue, Drayton Brown,
253 Orange Road, Montclair, 2500 square feet.

150 Morris Avenue, Roanoke Corp.,
c/o R. Shepard, 101 Wallace Street, 2394
square feet.

190 Morris Avenue, Lowell Steigler,
790 Broad Street, 4229 square feet.

192 Morris Avenue, Lowell Steigler,
790 Broad Street.

194 Morris Avenue, Ram Acceptance
Corp., 2089 square feet.

223 - 13th Avenue, Conditioning Co.,
Inc., 12,335 square feet.

219 - 13th Avenue, W&R Ltd., c/o R.S.
Inlander, 11 Hill, 2500 square feet.

217 - 13th Avenue, Bertha Alter,
400 Whitewood Road, Union, 2500 square feet.

215 - 13th Avenue, Harris Bennett
Corp., 2500 square feet.

99 Bruce Street, Henry Winter,
2869 square feet.

97 Bruce Street, Leroy Dickson,
97 Bruce St., 2342 square feet.

95 Bruce Street, Leroy Dickson,

97 Bruce Street, 2614 square feet.

93 Bruce Street, Mercury Corp.,
c/o J. Alper, 207 Market Street, 3146

91 Bruce Street, Paul M. Cornet,
53 Parkway E., Bloomfield, 1658 square feet.

89 Bruce Street, Paul M. Cornet,
53 Parkway E., Bloomfield, 2983 square feet.

87 Bruce Street, Paul M. Cornet,
53 Parkway E., Bloomfield, 2500 square feet.

85 Bruce Street, City of Newark,

83 Bruce Street, Gilbert S. Hampden,
10 Randolph Pl., 2467 square feet.

81 Bruce Street, Dennis Ryan,
2484 square feet.

79 Bruce Street, Elawatha Henderson,

77 Bruce Street, Laura Sherman,

58 Carnegie Ave., East Orange, 2500 square
feet.

75 Bruce Street, James Sherman,
58 Carnegie Ave., East Orange,
feet.

73 Bruce Street, Herbert H. Myer,

210 W. 1st St., 3100 square feet.

71 Bruce Street, Herbert H. Mayer,

520 W. 1st St., 3100 square feet.

2,000 square feet.

64 - 12th Avenue, City of Newark,

3500 square feet.

90 Hunterdon St., Carmella Palmeri,

2500 square feet.

92 Hunterdon St., Farley D. Sledge,

2500 square feet.

185-191 Morris Avenue, Board of

Education, 7439 square feet.

,193 Morris Avenue, Board of Education,

7439 square feet.

110-114 Hunterdon St., Board of

Education, 7493 square feet.

103 Hunterdon St., Board of Education,

2500 square feet.

105 Hunterdon Street, Board of

Education, 2550 square feet.

94-104 Hunterdon Street, Board of

Education, 14,950 square feet.

116 Hunterdon Street, Morris Stiegler,

790 Broad Street, 2500 square feet.

118 Hunterdon Street, Charles Artist,
65 Stratford Pl., 2500 square feet.

120 Hunterdon Street, Charles McGarry,
2500 square feet.

122 Hunterdon Street, Santa Massina,
40 Olcago Road, Verona, 2950 square feet.

235 - 13th Avenue, Earl Godfrey,
1267 square feet.

203 Morris Avenue, William Morris,
19 Sherman Avenue, 1694 square feet.

201 Morris Avenue, Board of Education,
2500 square feet.

199 Morris Avenue, Viola Poole,
2500 square feet.

197 Morris Avenue, Philip Sampson,
972 Broad Street, 2500 square feet.

195 Morris Avenue, Benjamin B. Eey,
2500 square feet.

193 Morris Avenue, Lincoln Collins,
2500 square feet.

183 Morris Avenue, Louis S. Swartz,
610 Cameron Road, South Orange, 2500 square
feet.

181 Morris Avenue, Louis S. Swartz,
610 Cameron Road, South Orange, 2500 square

feet.

179 Morris Avenue, Lynn Lumber Corp.,
306 Lyons Avenue, 2500 square feet.

177 Morris Avenue, Wylman Jackson,
219 Morris Avenue, 2500 square feet.

175 Morris Avenue, Cicero Jones,
240 Hunter Ln St., 2500 square feet.

173 Morris Avenue, Nathan Barry Co.,
17 Academy Street, 2500 square feet.

171 Morris Avenue, Louis S. Swartz,
610 Cameron Road, South Orange, 2500 square
feet.

80 - 12th Avenue, Nathan Franzblau,
2500 square feet.

82 - 12th Avenue, Clinton D. Miller,
2500 square feet.

84 - 12th Avenue, Hugh McBride,
2500 square feet.

85 Hunterdon Street, Hugh McBride,
2500 square feet.

87 Hunterdon Street, Hugh McBride,
2500 square feet.

90 Hunterdon Street, Hugh McBride,
2500 square feet.

96 - 12th Avenue, John Concetta,

1 2500 square feet.
2 93 - 12th Avenue, Laura Sherman,
3 2500 square feet.
4 90 - 12th Avenue, Willie Irving,
5 2500 square feet.
6 92 - 12th Avenue, Joseph R. O'Connor,
7 95 Midland Place, 1325 square feet.
8 94 - 12th Avenue, Joseph R. O'Connor,
9 95 Midland Place, 1325 square feet.
10 88 Bergen Street, Joseph R. O'Connor,
11 95 Midland Place, 1550 square feet.
12 92 Bergen Street, Dacia Wright,
13 2500 square feet.
14 94 Bergen Street, Phoebe Dickson,
15 2500 square feet.
16 96 Bergen Street, Joseph C. Towe,
17 2500 square feet.
18 98 Bergen Street, Morris Stigler,
19 22 Hillsdale Way, Millburn, 2500 square feet.
20 100 Bergen Street, Lottie Galla,
21 2531 square feet.
22 102 Bergen Street, Sylvester Smith,
23 2469 square feet.
24 104-106 Bergen Street, House of God,
25 c/o W.N. Davis, 273 - 12th Avenue, 5,000

1 square feet.

2 108 - 110 Bergen Street, Jender
3 Realty Corp., 19 So. 6th Street, 5,000
4 square feet.

5 112 Bergen Street, Jender Rlty. Corp.,
6 19 So. 6th St., 2500 square feet.

7 114 Bergen Street, Jender Rlty. Corp.,
8 19 So. 6th St., 2500 square feet.

9 116 Bergen Street, Rescue Church of
10 God, 2500 square feet.

11 118 Bergen Street, Farmor Co., Inc.,
12 2504 square feet.

13 120 Bergen Street, Duratron Corp.,
14 154 W. 14th Street, N.Y.C., 2496 square feet.

15 122 Bergen Street, Sadie Popper,
16 2,000 square feet.

17 124 Bergen Street, Arthur Butler,
18 1500 square feet.

19 124½ Bergen Street, Katherine Watson,
20 42 Peshine Avenue, 1500 square feet.

21 126 Bergen Street, Carl A. Boxer,
22 Linden, 5,400 square feet.

23 123 Hunterdon Street, George A.
24 Pashkow, 3,000 square feet.

25 121 Hunterdon Street, Freddie King,

- 1 Jr., 2,500 square feet.
- 2 119 Hunterdon Street, Edward Gillmore,
- 3 2500 square feet.
- 4 117 Hunterdon Street, Nathan Barry
- 5 Co., c/o P. Mandelbaum, 17 Academy Street,
- 6 2500 square feet.
- 7 115 Hunterdon Street, Oscar D. Sellars,
- 8 209 South Boyd, Cape May, 2501 square feet.
- 9 113 Hunterdon Street, Oscar D. Sellars,
- 10 209 South Boyd, Cape May, 2499 square feet.
- 11 111 Hunterdon Street, William Gordon,
- 12 2500 square feet.
- 13 109 Hunterdon Street, Morris Isacoff,
- 14 2500 square feet.
- 15 107 Hunterdon Street, Morris Isacoff,
- 16 2500 square feet.
- 17 105 Hunterdon Street, Oscar D. Sellers,
- 18 209 So. Boyd, Cape May, 2500 square feet.
- 19 103 Hunterdon Street, Morris Isacoff,
- 20 109 Hunterdon, 2500 square feet.
- 21 101 Hunterdon Street, Inter Urban
- 22 Rlty. Ltd., 2500 square feet.
- 23 99 Hunterdon Street, Bette Inc.,
- 24 25 Ellmer Drive, Millburn, 2500 square feet.
- 25 97 Hunterdon Street, 535 Rlty Co.,

- 1 Inc., c/o P. Mandelbaum, 17 Academy Street,
- 2 2500 square feet.
- 3 95 Hunterdon Street, Doris Walton,
- 4 2500 square feet.
- 5 93 Hunterdon Street, Ernest Canaday,
- 6 2500 square feet.
- 7 91 Hunterdon Street, Davanne Rlty.,
- 8 c/o P. Mandelbaum, 17 Academy Street,
- 9 2500 square feet.
- 10 89 Hunterdon Street, James Klich,
- 11 2500 square feet.
- 12 248 - 13th Avenue, William E. Woodson,
- 13 3278 square feet.
- 14 250 - 13th Avenue, Samuelson & Co.,
- 15 9 Clinton St., 1306 square feet.
- 16 250 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 13th Avenue, Leslie Daniels,
- 17 115 Hunterdon, 2084 square feet.
- 18 252 - 13th Avenue, Staford S. Gordon,
- 19 2084 square feet.
- 20 254 - 13th Avenue, Larney Worrill,
- 21 2084 square feet.
- 22 256 - 13th Avenue, Pattie S. Chance,
- 23 2084 square feet.
- 24 258 - 13th Avenue, Arthur Mims,
- 25 c/o R. Mims, 66 Sloan, So. Orange, 2084

square feet.

260 - 13th Avenue, Antonia Marino,
1250 square feet.

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1250 square feet.

134 Bergen Street, Ward I. Baum,
834 S. 13th Street, 2500 square feet.

138 Bergen Street, Albert Chase,
2617 square feet.

140 Bergen Street, Joseph I. Gullian,
2500 square feet.

142 Bergen Street, Kenneth L. Hazen,
2500 square feet.

144 Bergen Street, Mazella Daniels,
2500 square feet.

146 Bergen Street, Jessie Brown,
2625 square feet.

148 Bergen Street, Hyro Inc., 161
Main, West Orange, 2600 square feet.

150 Bergen Street, Hyro Inc., 161
Main, West Orange, 3609 square feet

152 Bergen Street, Hyro Inc., 161
Main, West Orange, 3625 square feet.

154 Bergen Street, Albert Simon,
11 Congressional Pkwy, Livingston, 3750

1 square feet.

2 158 Bergen Street, 158 Bergen St.
3 Corp., 3750 square feet.

4 160 Bergen Street, Benjamin Jackson,
5 2208 square feet.

6 162 Bergen Street, James W. Addison,
7 2208 square feet.

8 164 Bergen Street, Lorenzo Ward,
9 2240 square feet.

10 166 Bergen Street, Elijah J. Hubbard,
11 2284 square feet.

12 168 Bergen Street, Samuel Eutsey,
13 3450 square feet.

14 170 Bergen Street, Marvin J. Ownes,
15 679 High, 3450 square feet.

16 172 Bergen Street, Frank McVey,
17 668 Clinton Avenue, 2326 square feet.

18 233 So. Orange Avenue, Thomas Tra-
19 passo, 621 Fourth, 4169 square feet.

20 231 So. Orange Avenue, Scrivo Hldg.
21 Co., Livingston, 2588 square feet.

22 229 So. Orange Avenue, Lucille
23 Augustus, 2500 square feet.

24 227 So. Orange Avenue, William Meola,
25 2500 square feet.

- 1 225 So. Orange Avenue, Fayette A.
- 2 Wright, 2721 square feet.
- 3 223 So. Orange Ave., Ella R. Dortson,
- 4 2885 square feet.
- 5 221 So. Orange Avenue, Hutchins F.
- 6 Inge, 3210 square feet.
- 7 163 Hunterdon Street, Mavis Cross,
- 8 5200 square feet.
- 9 159 Hunterdon Street, Wm. N. Coleman,
- 10 4500 square feet.
- 11 157 Hunterdon Street, Corinne Thigpen,
- 12 3500 square feet.
- 13 155 Hunterdon Street, Waverly Snell,
- 14 353 Fairmount Avenue, 4250 square feet.
- 15 151 Hunterdon Street, Brown Feaster,
- 16 4250 square feet.
- 17 149 Hunterdon Street, Maude A.
- 18 Norris, 3000 square feet.
- 19 145 Hunterdon Street, Mary E. Stewart,
- 20 3842 square feet.
- 21 143 Hunterdon Street, Jeremiah McGriff,
- 22 2800 square feet.
- 23 141 Hunterdon Street, Charles I.
- 24 Smith, 2500 square feet.
- 25 139 Hunterdon Street, Elsie McRoe,

1 148 Hunterdon, 2500 square feet.

2 137 Hunterdon Street, James A.

3 Hampden, 2500 square feet.

4 135 Hunterdon Street, Wm. Lowe, Jr.,

5 134 Hunterdon, 2500 square feet.

6 133 Hunterdon Street, Walter J.

7 Woodard, 2617 square feet.

8 232-242 - 13th Avenue, B.E.J. Corp.,

9 15,000 square feet.

10 244 - 13th Avenue, Charles Rlty. Corp.

11 262 Market, 2500 square feet.

12 246 - 13th Avenue, Charles Rlty. Corp.

13 262 Market, 2500 square feet.

14 132 Hunterdon Street, Booker Bryan,

15 2500 square feet.

16 134 Hunterdon Street, Wm. Lowe, Jr.,

17 2500 square feet.

18 136 Hunterdon Street, Arnold's Ice

19 Cream Co., 8499 square feet.

20 138 Hunterdon Street, Arnold's Ice

21 Cream Co.,

22 140 Hunterdon Street, Arnold's Ice

23 Cream Co.

24 142 Hunterdon Street, Sue Corp.,

25 2497 square feet.

1 144 Hunterdon Street, Joe Young,
2 2497 square feet.
3 146 Hunterdon Street, Elsie McRae,
4 2996 square feet.
5 150 Hunterdon Street, David L. Gary,
6 3495 square feet.
7 152 Hunterdon Street, Sarah Green,
8 2996 square feet.
9 156 Hunterdon Street, Ben Shipman,
10 4994 square feet.
11 158 Hunterdon Street, Charles W.
12 Watson, 2996 square feet.
13 160-162 Hunterdon St., Bessie Mason,
14 c/o Arrow S & L, 4891 square feet.
15 217 So. Orange Avenue, Rose Basin,
16 7815 square feet.
17 207 So. Orange Avenue, Samuel Corp.,
18 c/o Perloff Bros. Inc., P.O. Box 6499,
19 Phila., 13,427 square feet.
20 241 Morris Avenue, Samuel Corp.,
21 c/o Perloff Bros. Inc., P.O. Box 6499,
22 Phila.,
23 205 So. Orange Avenue, Wm. Scott,
24 2500 square feet.
25 233-239 Morris Avenue, M. Polaner &

1 Son Inc., 9847 square feet.

2 223-229 Morris Avenue, Lorpat Rlty.
3 Inc., Central Avenue, 449, 12,392 square
4 feet.

5 231 Morris Avenue, Lorpat Rlty. Inc.,
6 Central Avenue, 449

7 221 Morris Avenue, Emanuel M. Lerit,
8 418 - 13th Avenue, 3008 square feet.

9 219 Morris Avenue, Wyman Jackson, Jr.,
10 2273 square feet.

11 215-217 Morris Avenue, Little Rlty.
12 Inc., 24 Branford Pl., 5000 square feet.

13 213 Morris Avenue, Peter Lobur,
14 2500 square feet.

15 109 Bruce Street, Bruce Realty Corp.,
16 27,246 square feet.

17 204 Morris Avenue, Sol Berger, 63
18 Dickerson, 6972 square feet.

19 210 Morris Avenue, Fannie Reisburg,
20 1520 Schley Avenue, Hillside, 2517 square
21 feet.

22 212 Morris Avenue, John Barrett,
23 1717 square feet.

24 212½ Morris Avenue, Viola Maness
25 1673 square feet.

214 Morris Avenue, Solomon Sanders,
1665 square feet.

216 Morris Avenue, Solomon Sanders,
1717 square feet.

218 Morris Avenue, Cazzie King,
2500 square feet.

220 Morris Avenue, Fishman Hldg. Co.
Ind., c/o G. Geller, 2500 square feet.

222 Morris Avenue, County of Essex,
39,665 square feet.

195 So. Orange Avenue, County of
Essex, 7465 square feet.

201 So. Orange Avenue, Ella M. Under-
hill, 4451 square feet.

193 So. Orange Avenue, Alfonso J.
Adinolfi, 135 Sagamore Road, Millburn,
3038 square feet.

191 So. Orange Avenue, Alfonso J.
Adinolfi, 135 Sagamore Road, Millburn,
2568 square feet..

189 So. Orange Avenue, Harry Kursch-
ner, 5927 square feet.

200 - 13th Avenue, Cora D. Freeland,
889 square feet.

202 - 13th Avenue, 202 Hldg. Corp.,

c/o D. Karp., 13 Gavin Road, West Orange,
1052 square feet.

202½ - 13th Avenue, Howard Martin,
204 - 13th Avenue, 1134 square feet.

204 - 13th Avenue, Howard Martin,
1353 square feet.

204½ - 13th Avenue, Arthur N.
Merritt, 1353 square feet.

206 - 13th Avenue, 202 Hldg. Corp.,
c/o D. Karp, 13 Gavin Road, West Orange,
1394 square feet.

208 - 13th Avenue, Dyamic Investment
Corp., 1884 square feet.

210 - 13th Avenue, Continental
Equities Corp., 15 Rutgers, Maplewood, 1841
square feet.

212 - 13th Avenue, Wenso Ltd., c/o
R. Inlander, 11 Hill, 1262 square feet.

212½-214 - 13th Avenue, Harold D.
Feverstein, 460 Richmond Avenue, Maplewood,
2500 square feet.

118 Bruce Street, Anthony D. Amico,
1675 square feet.

120 Bruce Street, Samuel Bloomstein,
537 Clinton Avenue, 3325 square feet.

1 122 Bruce Street, Bertrice Smith,
2 2500 square feet.

3 124 Bruce Street, Bertrice Smith,
4 2500 square feet.

5 126 Bruce Street, Joe Hutchins,
6 2500 square feet.

7 128 Bruce Street, Robert Chambers,
8 2500 square feet.

9 130 Bruce Street, William A. Schadel,
10 7500 square feet.

11 132-134 Bruce Street, William A.
12 Schadel.

13 134½ Bruce Street, Mary Coleman,
14 2000 square feet.

15 136 Bruce Street, Edgar Williams,
16 2000 square feet.

17 136½ Bruce Street, Huffman Harris,
18 2000 square feet.

19 138 Bruce Street, Theresa E. Giulians,
20 27 Aspen Road, West Orange, 2000 square feet.

21 140 Bruce Street, Seymour Butan,
22 41 Springbrook Road, Livingston, 2000 square
23 feet.

24 181 So. Orange Avenue, Richard
25 Marashlian, 176 Broad, Bloomfield, 9938

square feet.

179 So. Orange Avenue, Fred Itzikson,
24 Bardwell Terr., Millburn, 3164 square
feet.

177½ So. Orange Avenue, Nesbitt Realty
Corp., c/o N. Turesky, 11 Commerce, 4665
square feet.

177 So. Orange Avenue, Nesbitt Realty
Corp., c/o N. Turesky, 11 Commerce.

175 So. Orange Avenue, Harry Kurchner,
189 So. Orange Avenue, 2735 square feet.

129 Newton Street, Moses Gray, 1615'
square feet.

127 Newton Street, Eddie Moffitt,
1602 square feet.

125 Newton Street, William M. Butler,
121 Newton, 4434 square feet.

121-123 Newton Street, William M.
Butler, 121 Newton, 5000 square feet.

119 Newton Street, Charles W. Lee,
2500 square feet.

117 Newton Street, George A. Moore,
2500 square feet.

115 Newton Street, James A. Hughes,
2500 square feet.

1 113 Newton Street, Robert H. Dove,
2 2500 square feet.

3 111 Newton Street, Lonzie Jackson,
4 2508 square feet.

5 109 Newton Street, James Sully,
6 15 Addwood Lane, Runson, 2083 square feet.

7 107 Newton Street, Jaydee Rlty &
8 Mtg. Corp., 2202 square feet.

9 105 Newton Street, Marie Duarte,
10 892 square feet.

11 184 - 13th Avenue, Samuel Farben,
12 2020 square feet.

13 186- 13th Avenue, Stuben Rlty Corp.,
14 154 Stuben, E. Orange, 2830 square feet.

15 188 - 13th Avenue, Lora A. Jacocks,
16 2500 square feet.

17 190 - 13th Avenue, 525 Rlty Hldg Inc.,
18 c/o P. Handlebaum, 17 Academy, 2500 square
19 feet.

20 192 - 13th Avenue, Nina M. Troupe -
21 Bey, 1850 square feet.

22 194 - 13th Avenue, Gladstone N.
23 Greaves, 2000 square feet.

24 196 - 13th Avenue, Samuel Farben,
25 184 - 13th Avenue, 2000 square feet.

198 - 13th Avenue, Griggs Counts,

2000 square feet.

108 Newton Street, Herber Brown,

2472 square feet.

110 Newton Street, Brinson Wright,

4547 square feet.

114 Newton Street, Residential Hldg.

Inc., 60 Park Pl., 2500 square feet.

116 Newton Street, David Music,

299 Weequahic, 2500 square feet.

118 Newton Street, Gladis Johnson,

1189 Martine, Scotch Plains, 2500 square
feet.

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feet.

122 Newton Street, Alberta Carter,

2500 square feet.

124 Newton Street, Lizzie Watkins,

2500 square feet.

126 Newton Street, John Coleman,

2500 square feet.

128 Newton Street, Coring White,

2500 square feet.

130 Newton Street, Frank Goode,

2500 square feet.

132 Newton Street, 132 Newton St.,
Newark Inc., 266 Morris Ave., Springfield,
3061 square feet.

134-134½ Newton Street, Max Sabin
Inc., 134 Goodwin Avenue, 1949 square feet.

173 So. Orange Avenue, Max Sabin Inc.
134 Goodwin Avenue, 2292 square feet.

171 So. Orange Avenue, Max Sabin Inc.
134 Goodwin Avenue, 1813 square feet.

169 So. Orange Avenue, Carly Jones,
2500 square feet.

167 So. Orange Avenue, Nelson Hardin,
2500 square feet.

165 So. Orange Avenue, Herman Lewin,
2500 square feet.

163 So. Orange Avenue, Samuel Lewin,
159 So. Orange Avenue, 2500 square feet.

159 So. Orange Avenue, Mary Lewin,
3664 square feet..

105 Wallace Street, Yetta Khin,
41 Goldsmith Avenue, 2095 square feet.

103 Wallace Street, Katherine Puhals,
7 Spring Lane, W. Caldwell, 2349 square
feet.

- 1 101 Wallace Street, Robert Sheard,
- 2 2357 square feet.
- 3 99 Wallace Street, Ruth Rosenberg,
- 4 212 So. Orange Avenue, S. Orange, 2366
- 5 square feet.
- 6 97 Wallace Street, Robert Williams,
- 7 2387 square feet.
- 8 95 Wallace Street, Dora Josephson,
- 9 461 Springdale Avenue, E. Orange, 2382 square
- 10 feet.
- 11 93 Wallace Street, Samuel Farbin,
- 12 184 - 13th Avenue, 2391 square feet.
- 13 91 Wallace Street, Rose Caprice
- 14 283 Fuller Terrace, Orange, 1598 square
- 15 feet.
- 16 89½ Wallace Street, Rose Caprice,
- 17 283 Fuller Terr., Orange, 1597 square feet.
- 18 89 Wallace Street, Rose Caprice,
- 19 283 Fuller Terr., Orange, 1598 square feet.
- 20 87 Wallace Street, John DeClemente,
- 21 37 - 42nd Street, Irvington, 2417 square
- 22 feet.
- 23 85 Wallace Street, Minnie St. Clair,
- 24 2425 square feet.
- 25 81-83 Wallace Street, Westfille Corp.,

1 c/o R. Newnan & Co., 1205 Springfield Ave.,
2 Irvington, 4929 square feet.

3 47 Rutgers Street, Andrew Radawiec,
4 1982 square feet.

5 74-78 Wallace Street, Montrose Corp.,
6 52 Blum, 6165 square feet.

7 80 Wallace Street, Alice Rhett,
8 c/o L. Avstreich, 70 Mountainville Terr.,
9 E. Orange, 3044 square feet.

10 82 Wallace Street, Davanne Rlty Corp.,
11 Inc., c/o P. Mandlebaum, 17 Academy, 2669
12 square feet.

13 84 Wallace Street, Filippo Cammarata,
14 2881 square feet.

15 86 Wallace Street, Charles Harris,
16 2894 square feet.

17 88 Wallace Street, Cam Rlty Co.,
18 c/o Cameman, 52 Newaun Ave., Arlington,
19 2916 square feet.

20 90 Wallace Street, Willig A. Green,
21 2918 square feet.

22 92 Wallace Street, Wallace St. Corp.,
23 c/o R. Goldfaden, 2936 square feet.

24 94 Wallace Street, Adolph Burchard,
25 c/o I. Waldman, 9 Clinton, 2956 square feet.

- 1 96 Wallace Street, Herman Lazar,
- 2 2966 square feet.
- 3 98 Wallace Street, Chas. Tucker,
- 4 2990 square feet.
- 5 100 Wallace Street, Herbert L. Rogers,
- 6 2984 square feet.
- 7 102 Wallace Street, Ocer C. Upton,
- 8 2984 square feet.
- 9 104 Wallace Street, Ernest W. Jones,
- 10 24 Sussex Avenue, E. Orange, 3481 square
- 11 feet.
- 12 157 So. Orange Avenue, Arthur Stalks,
- 13 2225 square feet.
- 14 155 So. Orange Avenue, Selma L.
- 15 Wasshawsky, 462 Clinton Pl., 1460 square
- 16 feet.
- 17 153 So. Orange Avenue, Selma L.
- 18 Wasshawsky, 462 Clinton Pl., 1460 square
- 19 feet.
- 20 151 So. Orange Avenue, Harry Roth-
- 21 stein, 4 Omaha Drive, Cranford, 1488 square
- 22 feet.
- 23 149 So. Orange Avenue, Dolan Invest.
- 24 Co., c/o Meisil Bros., 5449 square feet.
- 25 147 So. Orange Avenue, Dolan Invest.

1 Co., c/o Meisil Bros.

2 145 So. Orange Avenue, Robt. Chendler,
3 2419 square feet.

4 143½ So. Orange Avenue, Mary V.
5 Carnegie, 322 square feet.

6 143-141 -So. Orange Avenue, Harry
7 Schenkel, 371 Fabyan Pl., 4012 square feet.

8 79 Rutgers Street, Thomas Ferrigno,
9 577 Branford Avenue, Woodbridge, 3328 square
10 feet.

11 77 Rutgers St., James Health, 52
12 Rutgers, 2999 square feet.

13 75 Rutgers Street, Charles Rlty Co.,
14 262 Market, 2999 square feet.

15 69-73½ Rutgers Street, City of Newark,
16 8886 square feet.

17 67, 61-63 Rutgers Street, Charles
18 Rlty Co., 262 Market, 8266 square feet.

19 65 Rutgers Street, Charles Rlty Co.,
20 262 Market, 2764 square feet.

21 59 Rutgers Street, Bernard M. Vernich,
22 120 Union Avenue, Maplewood, 2356 square
23 feet.

24 55-57 Rutgers Street, Leonard Seligman,
25 215 Strles, Elizabeth, 4641 square feet.

53 Rutgers Street, Lillian Mancuso,
2286 square feet.

51 Rutgers Street, Corsal Invest. Inc.
c/o R.P. Maryall, 850 Broad, 2694 square
feet.

49 Rutgers Street, Corsal Invest. Inc.
c/o R.P. Maryall, 850 Broad, 2689 square
feet.

281 Norfolk Street, Willie Cain,
27 - 16th Avenue, 1966 square feet.

160 - 13th Avenue, City of Newark,
1701 square feet.

166 - 13th Avenue, Betty Rachlin,
P.O. Box 212, 2727 square feet

50 Rutgers Street, Wilma Harris,
1681 square feet.

52 Rutgers Street, James Heath,
288 Hunterdon, 2835 square feet.

54 Rutgers Street, F & R Invest. Co.
So. 20th, 2856 square feet.

56 Rutgers Street, Mt. Vernon Baptist
Church, 2869 square feet.

58-60 Rutgers Street, Capstone Rlty
Co., c/o Bussman, 84 Hansbury, 5754 square
feet.

1 62 Rutgers Street, Henry L. Allen,
2 95 N. 18th, E. Orange, 1951 square feet.

3 62½ Rutgers Street, Frances Harmond,
4 1929 square feet.

5 64-66 Rutgers Street, City of Newark,
6 4848 square feet.

7 68 Rutgers Street, Max Schechner,
8 1173 Bergen, 2933 square feet.

9 70-72 Rutgers Street, Benjamin Flicker,
10 53 Hobson, 5769 square feet.

11 311 Norfolk Street, Benjamin Flicker,
12 53 Hobson, 2500 square feet.

13 309 Norfolk Street, Benjamin Flicker,
14 53 Hobson, 2500 square feet.

15 307 Norfolk Street, Benjamin Flicker,
16 53 Hobson, 2994 square feet.

17 74 Rutgers Street, Absace Corp.,
18 c/o Madee, 225 Pomona Avenue, 2981 square
19 feet.

20 76 Rutgers Street, Mary A. Lawson,
21 2987 square feet.

22 78 Rutgers Street, Sarah E. Smith,
23 25 S. Mann Ave., E. Orange, 3566 square feet.

24 80 Rutgers Street, Emma Sakol, 55
25 Schley, 1154 square feet.

- 1 137 So. Orange Ave., Anthony Sorren-
- 2 tino, 2748 square feet. /
- 3 135 So. Orange Ave., Tekla Krawczuk,
- 4 2288 square feet.
- 5 133 So. Orange Ave., Annie Ward,
- 6 2106 square feet.
- 7 131 So. Orange Ave., Mario Argenziano,
- 8 79 Washington Ave., Irvington, 1536 square
- 9 feet.
- 10 129 So. Orange Ave., Joseph F.
- 11 Mongaris, 26 Lodge, Asheville, N.C., 2600
- 12 square feet.
- 13 127 So. Orange Ave., Irving Davidson,
- 14 2 Hemloch Ct., Maplewood, 2600 square feet.
- 15 125 So. Orange Ave., Norfolk Rlty
- 16 Corp., c/o J. Gaidemach, 2705 square feet.
- 17 317-319 Norfolk St., Herman Lewin,
- 18 199 Hansbury Ave., 3587 square feet.
- 19 315 Norfolk St., The House of God,
- 20 5 Assampink, Trenton, 2500 square feet.
- 21 313 Norfolk St., Monroe Purchasing
- 22 Corp., 215 Court, 2500 square feet.
- 23 305 Norfolk St., Roxfort[®] Hldg. Co.
- 24 P.O. Box 638, 3006 square feet.
- 25 303 Norfolk St., Wenso Ltd., 3000

square feet.

301 Norfolk St., Manger Hldg. Co.,

20 Marshall, Livingston, 3000 square feet.

299 Norfolk St., Walter Roth,

519 So. 17th, 2500 square feet.

297 Norfolk St., Jack Coleman, 127

S. 13th Street, 2500 square feet.

295 Norfolk St., Mangor Hldg. Co.,

20 Marshall, Livingston, 3800 square feet.

293 Norfolk St., Mangor Hldg. Co.,

20 Marshall, Livingston, 3308 square feet.

289 Norfolk St., Mangor Hldg. Co.,

20 Marshall. Livingston, 2601 square feet.

287 Norfolk St., Mangor Hldg. Co.,

20 Marshall, Livingston, 2503 square feet.

285 Norfolk St., Siegmund Joseph,

2505 square feet.

283 Norfolk St., Leon Strell, 165

Lehigh Ave., 2507 square feet.

164 West Market St., Benjamin Cohen,

166 West Market Street, Benjamin Cohen,

5408 square feet.

168 West Market St., Benjamin Cohen,

170 West Market St., Aaron Pletter,

161 West Market, 2400 square feet.

- 1 172 West Market St., Milton M.
- 2 Siegel, Union, 2400 square feet.
- 3 174 West Market St., Atlas Martin,
- 4 2400 square feet.
- 5 176 West Market St., Adolph Schmidt,
- 6 97 - 9th Ave., 4529 square feet.
- 7 10 Rutgers St., 574 Realty Co. Inc.,
- 8 574 S. 10th St., 2646 square feet.
- 9 12 Rutgers St., City of Newark, 2398
- 10 square feet.
- 11 14 Rutgers St., Rose Christian,
- 12 93 Bergen, 2396 square feet.
- 13 16 Rutgers St., Viola D. Todd,
- 14 2396 square feet.
- 15 18 Rutgers St., Jaydee Rlty & Mtg Co.
- 16 800 Raymond Blvd., 2396 square feet.
- 17 20 Rutgers St., Gem Real Estate Co.
- 18 2396 square feet.
- 19 24 Rutgers St., Fredu Pletter,
- 20 360 Seymour Ave., 2296 square feet.
- 21 22 Rutgers St., Fredu Pletter,
- 22 360 Seymour Ave., 1875 square feet.
- 23 253 Norfolk St., Fredu Pletter,
- 24 360 Seymour Ave., 5721 square feet.
- 25 257 Norfolk St., 287 Norfolk St. Inc.,

1 o/o D.C. Bloomfield, 346 Keer Ave., 2967
2 square feet.

3 26 Rutgers St., 287 Norfolk St. Inc.,
4 o/o D.C. Bloomfield, 346 Keer Ave., 1778
5 square feet.

6 28 Rutgers St., Charles Rlty Co.,
7 262 Market, 1792 square feet.

8 30 Rutgers St., Clarence Arvin Jr.,
9 143 Watson Ave., 1868 square feet.

10 32 Rutgers St., Louis G. Feiler,
11 34 Van Ness Terr., Maplewood, 2713 square
12 feet.

13 34 Rutgers St., Louis G. Feiler,
14 34 Van Ness Terr., Maplewood, 2713 square
15 feet.

16 36 Rutgers St., City of Newark,
17 2713 square feet.

18 38 Rutgers St., City of Newark,
19 2726 square feet.

20 40 Rutgers St., Sarah Reisberg,
21 65 Randolph Pl., S. Orange, 2721 square feet.

22 42 Rutgers St., Sarah Reisberg,
23 65 Randolph Pl., S. Orange, 2722* square feet.

24 44 Rutgers St., Glenn-Garry Corp.,
25 640 Hamilton Rd., S. Orange, 1401 square feet.

- 1 44½ Rutgers St., Glenn-Garry Corp.,
2 640 Hamilton Rd., S. Orange, 1301 square
3 feet.
4 46 Rutgers St., Charles Klein,
5 119 Milton Pl., S. Orange, 1324 square feet.
6 116 - 13th Ave., 889 Corp., c/o Asphalt
7 Workers, Union Local 889, 1005 square feet.
8 279 Norfolk St., David Goldsmith,
9 140 Wickliffe, 1970 square feet.
10 277 Norfolk St., William H. Watt,
11 2519 square feet.
12 275 Norfolk St., Charles Wilson,
13 2545 square feet.
14 273 Norfolk St., Tommie Cooper,
15 2522 square feet.
16 271 Norfolk St., Charlie Ryant,
17 c/o J. Spielman, 24 Commerce, 2524 square
18 feet.
19 269 Norfolk St., John Orlean, 2526
20 square feet.
21 267 Norfolk St., Russell Graham Jr.,
22 2528 square feet.
23 265 Norfolk St., Raymond Rector,
24 2530 square feet.
25 263 Norfolk St., Daniel Ford, 2534

1 square feet.

2 261 Norfolk St., Jonas Bailey,
3 2524 square feet.

4 259 Norfolk St., B.C. Bloomfield, 455
5 Branford Pl., Newark, 2524 square feet.

6 251 Norfolk St., Unique Hldg. Co.,
7 c/o Mandlebaum, 17 Academy, 2396 square feet.

8 249 Norfolk St., Gizella Pack,
9 175 Elmwood Ave., Irvington, 2396 square
10 feet.

11 247 Norfolk St., Clarence W. Oliver,
12 2396 square feet.

13 245 Norfolk St., Alfred Giulford,
14 2396 square feet.

15 243 Norfolk St., Louis Washington,
16 2396 square feet.

17 241 Norfolk St., Gloria Warren,
18 2396 square feet.

19 239 Norfolk St., John M. Dabney,
20 1800 square feet..

21 MR. Chairman, I notice that Reverend
22 Benton, who spoke earlier in favor of the
23 school, is one of the property owners on
24 Newton Street, Albert Benton, No. 87 Newton
25 Street. Now we also note there are a great

1 many of these properties that are in the
2 names of corporations without any name of
3 the principal owner on the tax record. I
4 would like as a matter of record to ask
5 each member of the board here who is present,
6 and ask of those who are not present,
7 particularly the chairman, if they now or
8 any of their relatives own any part of any
9 property in the affected area and/or if
10 they have in the past, do now or expect
11 reasonably in the future to have any
12 dealings with the Newark Housing Authority.
13 Would you please answer that, each of the
14 members.

15 MR. COCUZZA: We have no answer for
16 your question. As you apparently realize,
17 Mr. Winans, that information is public
18 record to you and to all of us present and
19 any further information as to ownership
20 can be obtained from the records.

21 MR. WINANS: I would like to ask the
22 members of the board now.

23 MR. COCUZZA: No. All the answers
24 to your questions and others will be
25 presented after summation and valuation of,

1 the subject matter.

2 MR. WINANS: Each member of this
3 board should put into the public record
4 whether or not they or any of their immediate
5 family have any interest in any of the
6 properties in the blighted area or have in
7 the past, do you now or expect to in the
8 future have any financial dealings with the
9 Newark Housing Authority.

10 MR. COCUZZA: Those answers will
11 appear in the record after the evaluation
12 of all subject matter.

13 MR. WINANS: Those answers will
14 appear in the public record, Mr. Chairman,
15 for each member of this board?

16 MR. COCUZZA: Yes, that's right.

17 MR. WINANS: Now the second reason
18 for building this medical school in the
19 City of Newark on 169 acres is a question
20 of power. People who plan this site now
21 know very well that number one, if you
22 destroy property, homes in that area, one-
23 third of the central ward, which is 92 per
24 cent Negro, you will force away from there
25 already registered residents, thousands of

1 voters. If you are going to displace 25,000
2 people from this area, it may be more, you
3 are going to displace 10,000 approximate
4 votes, approximately 10,000 voters. That
5 means they will have to be newly registered
6 to vote. And in a time when national
7 leaders, so-called, including the president
8 of the United States and Mr. Weaver, when
9 they are calling for increased attention to
10 voter registration, calling for people in
11 cities to use normal political processes
12 to process their grievances, it seems
13 incredible that this wholesale dislocation
14 plan could even be contemplated, that we
15 are going to lose 10,000 registered voters,
16 approximately ten per cent of all the
17 registered voters in the City of Newark--
18 I'm sorry, approximately five per cent,
19 ten per cent of the people who vote in the
20 normal city election, that means that the
21 political representation in the city, which
22 is already drastically unbalanced in terms
23 of population, will be perpetuated ad infinitum.
24 It also means that you will not only affect
25 the central ward in the City of Newark from

1 the standpoint of political representation,
2 but you are going to be affecting the south
3 ward because the central ward in the City
4 of Newark is the smallest ward now with 35
5 districts and the south ward is the largest
6 ward with 45 districts--46 districts, if
7 you take one-third of the area of the
8 central ward and destroy it, it is very
9 clear that those seven or eight election
10 districts will have to be replaced. It is
11 also very clear that those election districts
12 will have to be replaced by election dis-
13 tricts out of the south ward, which is the
14 largest ward in the city, and it is very
15 clear that those districts will be the ones
16 immediately adjacent to the central ward,
17 which are overwhelmingly in the Negro
18 district, namely those in the lower Clinton
19 Hill section and South Side High School
20 and Bergen Street School, districts one
21 through seven, and that means the south
22 ward balance, which is the next ward, to
23 elect a Negro councilman, will revert back
24 to a predominantly white ward, that means
25 the Negroes will be denied the opportunity

1 to elect a councilman from a ward where they
2 are about 70 per cent of the population now,
3 not because they are not a majority of the
4 population, but because of two factors, one,
5 they need to re-register all these voters,
6 which takes years, and two, because of the
7 transfer of these districts from the south
8 ward to the central ward. Hence, I think
9 it was very appropriate that Mr. Bernstein,
10 the councilman from the south ward, the
11 councilman who introduced the resolution
12 at the city council to in fact approve the
13 contract with the medical authority, I think
14 is very probable that Mr. Bernstein and his
15 cronies from other agencies of the City of
16 Newark are pushing very hard for this
17 medical school, not because it would be
18 of benefit to the residents of the City of
19 Newark of the central ward or the south ward,
20 but because it would perpetuate him in power
21 for the next four years, at least that's
22 what he thinks.

23 Now in fact the area where I live
24 on Chadwick Avenue would be grossly adversely
25 affected by this plan. The history of urban

1 renewal in Newark has been a total failure.
2 The history of urban renewal in Newark has
3 been a total failure because of the whole-
4 sale bulldozing, the demolition of huge
5 tracts of land that are now being demolished
6 at one time, one bite. There has been no
7 replacement of housing and in fact you only
8 create new blighted areas. In fact our
9 neighborhood, the Clinton Hill section of
10 Newark, I daresay the Weequahic section of
11 Newark and I daresay most sections of
12 Newark would be over blighted, the same
13 condition will be prevalent in those areas
14 as a result of your moving 25,000 people with
15 no place to go. So in fact the people in
16 the south/^{ward}of the City of Newark would be
17 affected because there would be increased
18 pressure on schools, there would be increased
19 pressure on available land space, there would
20 be increased pressure on housing and they
21 will lose the election district they have
22 now and they will have to pay more taxes and
23 more rent, so by no stretch of the imagination
24 could it be conceived that the people of the
25 south ward could possibly support this plan

1 and yet the councilman from the south ward
2 introduces the resolution to approve the
3 contract, as I say, because he does not in
4 fact represent the people in the south ward,
5 he represents a very small number of them,
6 he is seeking to perpetuate his own power.

7 There is a third reason for this
8 blighted hearing today and that deals with
9 the issue of prejudice. As I said before,
10 with the organization that has been most
11 prominent in pushing for this plan, for
12 this hearing, for this board to declare the
13 area blighted is the great Newark Chamber of
14 Commerce. It's very significant in my
15 opinion that the great Newark Chamber of
16 Commerce in a letter last month in dis-
17 cussing other plans for the development of
18 the City of Newark said they were interested
19 in replacing and I quote "creeps" who live
20 in the City of Newark with tourists in the
21 suburban area. In other words, the people
22 who run the Chamber of commerce, who along
23 with a political machine and the underworld
24 run the City of Newark, are suggesting that
25 the majority of the residents of the City of

1 Newark are to use their words "creeps" and
2 therefore it's very easy to go from there
3 and say they have no right, they have no
4 business having any land. As I said in the
5 very beginning, this is the most over-populated,
6 the most densely populated city in the
7 country, the population per area, therefore
8 land is at a premium, therefore the people
9 in the city are entitled to as much land, as
10 much breathing space, as much air, as much
11 recreational facilities, as much park land,
12 anything that you would want in a residential
13 area to have, instead 169 acres are proposed
14 to be taken from them and given to outsiders,
15 tourists is the word the chamber of commerce
16 uses, we are going to replace "creeps" with
17 tourists.

18 If you look at the plans for the City
19 of Newark as prepared by the Newark Housing
20 Authority, you will note that they plan to
21 bring Route 78 down through Watson Avenue
22 itself, they plan to bring the east-west
23 freeway down and they plan to connect them,
24 and all these are going to be six-lane super
25 highways. These highways alone are estimated

1 to dislocate 30,000 additional people in
2 the City of Newark, by the Housing Authority's
3 own statistics. They have no plans as to
4 where they will put these people and they
5 have no place to put the people when they
6 dislocate the people from the blighted area,
7 169 acres. What they are doing very care-
8 fully and very systematically is constructing
9 an ever-tightening noose around the ghetto,
10 they are making the ghetto area smaller and
11 smaller and then they are bringing boundaries
12 around this ghetto area. This medical school
13 is a knot in the noose for one mass lynching
14 of people who live in the ghetto. This
15 indeed is no different than Warsaw, indeed
16 no different from other ghettos in history.
17 If people ask why do Negroes rise up, rise
18 up sometimes in violence, didn't the
19 residents of the ghetto of Warsaw rise up?
20 The fact of the matter is when you construct
21 this ever-tightening noose around the ghetto,
22 with less and less breathing space for people,
23 you are cheating them of their land,
24 historically the most precious commodity
25 people can own.

1 / Mr. Timothy Still said recently if he
2 and his family must live on the tenth floor
3 of a housing project, why is it that students
4 going to medical college cannot rise to the
5 tenth floor to attend classes. It's not
6 fair.

7 Now I would like to talk for a couple
8 of minutes about the plan for relocation that
9 the housing authority had submitted to you.
10 I have two other things to talk about before
11 I sit down.

12 Mr. Warren from the housing authority
13 came before this board and said the people
14 from this area could be easily relocated--
15 in fact he used the term "easily relocated"
16 by existing housing in the City of Newark.
17 In fact, Mr. Warren is deceptive and I will
18 show you why. Mr. Warren said the housing
19 authority project had 1600 vacancies
20 annually and that would take care of X number
21 of thousands of people from this area and
22 he having already underestimated the people
23 from the immediate area and overestimating
24 the vacancies that he said would take care
25 of the people in the area. He also said

1 other new housing in the city would take care
2 of people from the area. He never told you
3 on the whole the new housing being built in
4 the area is high income housing, expensive,
5 more expensive than the people from this
6 area can afford. Isn't it somewhat
7 incongruous to sit here and say in the first
8 place that this area is blighted, poor people
9 live here, they live in poor housing, it's
10 terrible and therefore we can relocate
11 them in, I suppose, Weequahic Towers, but
12 who is going to pay the rent. Then he says
13 we have vacancies in the housing project.
14 In fact, there are no vacancies in the
15 housing project, there's an annual turnover
16 rate of approximately 1100 units per year
17 in the Newark housing authority project,
18 not 1300 as Mr. Warren alleged. That annual
19 turnover rate of 1100 units per year is just
20 that, a turnover rate, it's not a list of
21 vacancies. In fact, there is a waiting list
22 of thousands of people trying to get into
23 public housing in the City of Newark now
24 and there are no vacancies.

25 I ask you to take a walk in any housing

1 project in the City of Newark and find how
2 many units are vacant. There are no /
3 vacancies in fact. Mr. Warren is a liar.
4 He comes before this board and says sure
5 we can relocate the people from this area
6 very easily, we have all these vacancies,
7 annual vacancies in the City of Newark.
8 That's a lie. There are no vacancies. I
9 challenge him to give us a list of vacancies
10 today. How many vacancies are there? Where
11 are they? There are no vacancies in fact.
12 In fact every urban renewal plan that has
13 been submitted to Washington in the last
14 seven years has done this very fraudulent
15 thing, the very same thing, it has listed
16 the annual turnover rate and said that we
17 are going to relocate the people, hence
18 the waiting list gets longer and longer
19 because each time they tear down a new area
20 they use the same vacancy for the different
21 area, so it's doubly deceptive.

22 The second thing I would like to
23 talk about, Mr. Chairman, is why the Newark
24 newspapers, daily newspapers, the Newark
25 Evening News and the Newark Star Ledger

1 have been pushing this plan so hard through
2 deceptive statistics.

3 MR. COCUZZA: Y have two more
4 minutes.

5 MR. WINANS: F of all, Mr. Chair-
6 man, the reason is v simple, both the
7 Newark Evening News is a newspaper have
8 in recent years built new buildings in the
9 City of Newark, to do that they used urban
10 renewal land, to do that they had to get
11 benefits from the housing authority. I say
12 this for the benefit of the public record,
13 for the benefit of those people in Washington
14 who I hope will read this record so they know
15 if the newspaper clippings are attached to
16 the record why they are slanted the way they
17 are.

18 The Newark Star Ledger now occupies
19 a building on what they call Star Ledger
20 Plaza in an area 69,000 square feet, 1.6
21 acres, for that land they paid approximately
22 \$1.70 per square foot or \$119,000. They are
23 also using a parking lot area approximately
24 22,000 square feet, about a half an acre, they
25 also paid \$1.70 a square foot.

1 MR. COCUZZA: Please adhere to the
2 area in question.

3 MR. WINANS: This has a great deal
4 to do with this hearing, as I said before,
5 I would like this to go into the public
6 record so the people in Washington can
7 know, so the people in the community can
8 know just exactly why the two daily news-
9 papers in the City of Newark have misrepre-
10 sented the facts in this situation and
11 slanted the news as it deals with this
12 hearing.

13 As I said before, the Newark Star
14 Ledger paid \$1.70 a square foot or approxi-
15 mately \$40,000 for the parking lot.

16 The Newark Evening News, which is
17 over here on Market Street, through actual
18 gerrymandering of the urban renewal plan,
19 which this board approved in a deal that was
20 made about three years ago, is on a site
21 about 40,000 square feet or one-third of
22 an acre, for which they paid approximately
23 \$2.85 a square foot or \$40,000.

24 Now both of these prices are nowhere
25 near the free market value of the area.

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MR. COCUZZA: You have a half a minute, that's all, Mr. Winans.

MR. WINANS: And in the case of the Newark Star Ledger, the Housing Authority itself paid \$785,000 for the site that it is now on and in the case of the Newark Evening News, the Housing Authority paid \$382,000. So that you will see the Newark News made a windfall profit on real estate alone out of this deal of \$240,000 and the Newark Star Ledger made a windfall profit out of this deal of \$660,000, those are approximate figures, that varies as much as \$10,000.

MR. COCUZZA: Your time is up, Mr. Winans.

MR. WINANS: Mr. Chairman, in the first place--

MR. COCUZZA: Just a moment. How many seconds do you require?

MR. WINANS: About four minutes.

MR. COCUZZA: You have four minutes.

MR. WINANS: Mr. Chairman, in the first place I would like to speak about the time limit on speakers. Under federal

1 regulations governing blight hearings, you
2 have no right to limit the amount of time
3 for a person speaking. The federal
4 regulations specifically state that anyone
5 should be heard and anyone should be heard
6 as long as he wants to be heard. It is
7 true that it is conceivable you could limit
8 it to one speaker per hearing, you can only
9 speak once, but you have no right to limit
10 the amount of time. I would like to go to
11 lunch, too, but I will go to lunch when I
12 am ready to go to lunch.

13 I would like to speak about why this
14 area is blighted, so-called. If indeed the
15 City of Newark comes along and says 169
16 acres are blighted, it could only be because
17 the City of Newark inspection department
18 allowed it to be that way. Any evidence
19 that is presented here about substandard
20 dwellings, unsafe dwellings and unsanitary
21 dilapidated buildings, should be immediately
22 turned over to the inspection department of
23 the City of Newark, Mr. Denbo's office, so
24 that he could go and enforce the housing
25 code. It's very clear the housing code is

1 not enforced. On the one hand the city
2 comes to the people and say, well, we can't
3 enforce the housing code, on the one hand
4 they come and say we are going to declare
5 your homes blighted and throw you out, on
6 the other hand they can't come along and
7 say we'll fix them up and enforce the
8 housing code. Either one hand doesn't know
9 what the other one is doing or as I suspect
10 more accurately, it is a deliberate plot.

11 As I said before, urban renewal
12 has been an historical failure in the City
13 of Newark. The reason for opposing this
14 blighted area is not to prevent the city
15 from getting federal aid, as the Newark News
16 and other people would have us believe,
17 the reason for opposing this blighted
18 declaration is you have no right to declare
19 a wholesale plot, 169 acres, blighted when
20 there has been no specific analysis of
21 building by building. Now I grant you they
22 come and say seven hundred buildings of
23 that and 200 buildings of that, but on a
24 given four-block area for example there has
25 been no map analysis of each building saying

1 this building is dilapidated because, this
2 building could be rescued because, this
3 building could be rehabilitated because,
4 in fact I daresay there are thousands of
5 buildings or at least hundreds of buildings
6 in the area that could be rehabilitated.

7 MR. COCUZZA: Your time is up.

8 The chair will declare a recess for
9 sixty minutes.

10 (A luncheon recess is taken.)
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1 MR. COCUZZA: This public hearing
2 will continue. The chair has a quorum.

3 Will the secretary call the roll.

4 SECRETARY GIACCHINO: Councilman
5 Bradley.

6 MR. BRADLEY: Here.

7 MR. GIACCHINO: Councilman D'Alessio.

8 MR. D'Alessio: Here.

9 MR. GIACCHINO: Councilman Corrado.

10 MR. CORRADO: Here.

11 MR. GIACCHINO: Councilman Federici.

12 MR. FEDERICI: Here.

13 MR. GIACCHINO: Mr. Cocuzza.

14 MR. COCUZZA: Here.

15 The next speaker is Mrs. Elsie
16 Caporaso, 41 Mercer Street.

17 Give your name and address to the
18 stenographer, please.

19 MRS. CAPORASO: Mrs. Elsie Caporaso,
20 41 Mercer Street, Newark, New Jersey.

21 MR. COCUZZA: You have 30 minutes to
22 make your presentation.

23 MRS. CAPORASO: Last February the
24 U.C.C. conducted a survey on the medical
25 site. Now we are not going into the results

1 because the dialogue that existed between
2 the people who conducted the survey and what
3 is on paper, it just doesn't come out the
4 same way. Now a majority of the people
5 agreed that a medical college was needed in
6 Newark and they also agreed that it meant
7 their moving. They would be willing. Now
8 the results of this was because of a previous
9 survey where most of these people thought that
10 they were going into decent housing. They
11 had been brainwashed really, because there
12 is no housing. The only time anyone can
13 get into a project, it has to be an
14 emergency level because I know, I work in
15 the area and I've tried many times to get
16 people in there.

17 Now this isn't a fight against the
18 medical school per se, it is a fight against
19 the condition that really exists here.
20 When people have to fight for equality, which
21 should be a birthright, that is the big
22 argument.

23 Now our education system, our children
24 that are coming out of high school, a majority
25 of them are not even equipped to pass an

1 entrance exam. Now I think this should
2 take priority over the medical college.
3 There is land available throughout the city
4 where they can put this college. It isn't
5 a fight against that. Let's fight for the
6 thing that we need most: housing and
7 education.

8 Where are these kids playing? I
9 seen down neck in my own area where kids
10 have to go in lots and play where there's
11 broken-down cars. These are a menace.
12 There's homes down in our area that have
13 been condemned years ago. There are fights
14 that exist there that the housing conditions
15 are bad. This house that I know in
16 particular was condemned 20 years ago but
17 people are still living there. That is a
18 blighted area, why wasn't something done
19 about that. By just eliminating these houses,
20 where do you go? You've got to have a
21 little plan in what you're doing. Now to
22 me this medical college is icing on the cake,
23 but the cake isn't in existence. You need
24 that cake before you have that icing.

25 I just want to say one thing, to me

1 the Negroes and the Puerto Ricans have been
2 a forgotten people, I never realized the
3 existence of the conditions that they had
4 to live under all these years. Only last
5 week I was down at Rutgers and we went to
6 a little town called Bogataville, it's out-
7 side of Jamestown, I never thought the
8 conditions that I saw there existed in the
9 State of New Jersey. I have seen what
10 / exists down in North Carolina and South
11 Carolina and the south, that is I've never
12 seen it personally but I have seen pictures
13 of it, but these people down in this village,
14 it started out as a beautiful thing, a man
15 was a humanitarian, he built up homes for
16 the migrant workers and Negroes but his
17 family, after he passed away, didn't keep
18 up the housing, they lived without street
19 lights, no paved streets, there's dirt
20 floors, you can't possibly understand unless
21 you saw it. A woman doesn't even have a
22 chair in her home to sit down on. This is
23 poverty in the land of plenty and it's
24 ridiculous because we send more money over
25 to Europe than I can count on one hand.

1 Where is our humanitarian purposes here.

2 I think it should be America for Americans,
3 never mind sending everything over to Europe,
4 we have more poverty and discontent and
5 drug addiction and everything else right
6 here in our own country.

7 As I said, the medical college I feel
8 would be a wonderful thing for all of us,
9 we can all benefit by it, but let's put it
10 somewhere where it doesn't interfere with
11 people's lives. Let's get housing before
12 we get the medical college.

13 That's all I have to say.

14 MR. COCUZZA: Mr. Parker Cleveland,
15 204 Johnson Avenue.

16 Would you give your name and address
17 to the reporter, please.

18 MR. CLEVELAND: Parker Cleveland,
19 204 Johnson Avenue, Newark, New Jersey.

20 MR. COCUZZA: You have 30 minutes to
21 make your presentation.

22 MR. CLEVELAND: Many speakers before
23 me have spoken on the fact situation in this
24 case, and others on the alleged fact situation.
25 Many have spoken very eloquently from their

1 hearts. These are the people you should
2 pay particular attention to. They may not
3 be able to speak the "King's English" but
4 they are doing their best to tell you some-
5 thing. I don't want to repeat what has
6 been said well, but I would like to go into
7 great depth as to just what the meaning of
8 these proceedings are and I intend to
9 discuss that in terms of the greater
10 extension of our situation, not just in
11 Newark but in the United States and in the
12 world because of the very serious thing
13 we are doing here and all of you are in-
14 volved, interrelated.

15 I'll start by describing the pattern
16 that we have, this pattern, as Bob said,
17 fed and nurtured and raised the crisis we
18 are faced with today in Newark and in the
19 country as a whole, because it is the same
20 crisis. It's hard to know where to start,
21 there's such a mass of forces operating,
22 reinforcing, contradicting each other, it's
23 very difficult to sort out, map out a clear,
24 picture and say this is number one and this
25 is number two and that's number three, but

1 1966, so it's very current.

2 Slums and poor people are synonymous
3 terms almost. Since there is such a
4 percolation between slums and the way poor
5 people live, you might be wise to ask the
6 question why are some people poor? Is it
7 because there isn't enough to go around?
8 This is the most wealthy country in the
9 history of the world. We have enough money
10 to spend over two billion dollars a month
11 in one little country 10,000 miles from here
12 but we spend that same amount of money for
13 a whole year for a war on poverty in this
14 country, a so-called war on poverty. It
15 seems our values on priority are a little
16 confused here and that is what we are
17 trying to tell you.

18 It was suggested that some poor
19 people are poor because they are lazy and
20 they have no initiative. I frankly state
21 that that is an absurd argument in con-
22 struction of terms. You can't have life
23 and not have initiative because life is
24 the process of satisfying needs. You cannot
25 live without eating and sleeping. We have

1 a whole range of physical needs. We have
2 physical needs that must be satisfied if
3 we are to live as human beings. I wish I
4 was a little better documented here. I
5 remember reading about two or three years
6 ago about an experiment made in some kind
7 of institution where babies were being taken
8 care of from the moment they were born and
9 in one situation, not by design, I'm sure,
10 in one situation the children had all their
11 physical needs satisfied but they were not
12 loved, they were not fondled and over half
13 of them died and the doctors couldn't
14 determine any physiological reason for their
15 death. So what I am saying here is it is
16 not just a matter of bread and butter we
17 are talking about, it is a matter of living
18 in a community where we can act civilized
19 and be civilized, where we can love one
20 another.

21 I would like to elaborate a little
22 more on why people are not poor because of
23 laziness. The first law of existence is
24 the law of survival. Every person in this
25 room and in this world, every living organism

1 seeks to maintain itself and perpetuate
2 itself and is built to appropriate itself.)
3 You would have to be out of your mind to
4 not do what is necessary to satisfy your
5 needs, feed yourself, clothe yourself,
6 shelter yourself and satisfy those non-
7 physical needs, the need for beauty, the
8 need for love, fellowship, fraternity,
9 et cetera. That's the difference between
10 a living organism and inert matter. I hope
11 I made my point. I know I haven't made it
12 very well. Those are the two most common
13 statements regarding sources of poverty
14 made by people that don't understand why
15 some people are poor.

16 I would like to say what I think of
17 what the real reason is. We live in a
18 barbaric society. This is a society that
19 says if you are smart but poor you cannot
20 develop your mind, so you might as well
21 forget it. It is a society that says if
22 you do have brain power and make your living
23 that way, you are entitled to more money
24 than a man who makes his living with the
25 sweat of his back. The clear implication of

1 that seems to be that if you do physical
2 work for a living, then somehow your physical
3 needs are less. Where, may I ask, does that
4 leave someone who is unable to work? That
5 is a somewhat rhetorical question.

6 I spent a great deal of my time
7 working with welfare clients and I have
8 seen and witnessed personally a great deal
9 of human degradation that is forced upon
10 them by the way they are treated in our
11 welfare offices, by the way that a single
12 case worker can control the economic status
13 of a person's family, can say--I should say
14 not can say but do say, can is a different
15 thing, legally they cannot say a lot of
16 things they do say, but one thing that is
17 said if you don't do so and so, then I will
18 cut off your check. That cannot be done as
19 long as the person is eligible and has
20 committed no crime pertaining to that
21 eligibility. I don't want to go off on a
22 tangent, if I weren't so nervous, I would.

23 MR. COCUZZA: Mr. Cleveland, if you
24 don't mind, would you adhere to the area in
25 question, please, you are going into

1 extraneous matters which are not relevant
2 to the subject matter at hand. We are
3 concerned with the blight bearing surrounding
4 Bergen Street to the west, Norfolk Street
5 to the east, South Orange Avenue to the
6 south and 12th Avenue to the north.

7 MR. CLEVELAND: I disagree with you.
8 I am talking about a pattern that I am
9 trying to describe a whole community to come
10 to the point of saying what the role of this
11 planning board is in that community, how it
12 fits into that pattern and what it does and
13 its influences because you must make your
14 decision with this in mind, this is not an
15 isolated thing that you can separate from
16 the other factors of human life in the total
17 fabric of our society, I am sure you must
18 realize that. I do maintain that I am
19 addressing myself to the question.

20 Another thing, society teaches us to
21 respect the working man, the working man
22 who works, uses his muscles, makes his money
23 by his muscles. If you're strong we can feed
24 you because there is work for you, but if
25 you are weak and frail you are of no use to

1 this society and you can take unemployment
2 compensation, disability insurance, social
3 security or something else, all that entails
4 removing the control of a person's life from
5 that person. It's a miserable situation.
6 I say this is a barbaric principle, they ,
7 do not measure up to human standards, they
8 measure up to standards of what is profit-
9 able, what is a money-making proposition and
10 they measure human beings against how much
11 money, how much they can produce and treat
12 some that can produce more as though it was
13 a ratio. It's the natural order of things.
14 But I need as much food in my belly as
15 Einstein needs in his, when he was alive.

16 To summarize, if by accident of birth
17 you were lucky enough, if by accident you
18 were lucky enough you may prosper, but if
19 you were unlucky, forget about it. The pie
20 in the sky related to you, and to show you
21 how good and compassionate we are, we will
22 even pray for you.

23 Gentlemen, humanistic society
24 recognizes one simple and self-evident thing,
25 that all human beings have the same funda-

1 mental needs. To put it down in street
2 jargon, if somebody cuts me, my blood is
3 red, if somebody cuts you, your blood is
4 red, too. Our society does not recognize
5 that in practice. That, gentlemen, is the
6 reason I believe why there are 40 million
7 poor people in this country, a country which
8 is the richest country in the world, that
9 the world has ever seen. To break it down
10 into plain simple English, our society is
11 rotten to the core, face it, face the truth,
12 gentlemen, because if you don't someday it's
13 going to hit you on the head and you won't
14 know what happened.

15 The mechanics of this neglect is a
16 very interesting thing. I want to describe
17 a pattern of how different neighborhoods in
18 the city have deteriorated and there are ,
19 variations on that pattern, but it's not
20 just--well, I'll state my conclusions later.

21 Poor people are cramped into small
22 areas, we know that. Service to these areas
23 instead of being greater because of the
24 greater density of the population there, it
25 almost seems to be less. The garbage doesn't

1 get picked up as much as it should and when
2 it is picked up it is not picked up as
3 carefully as it should. The streets are
4 not cleaned as much. The question of
5 inspection, housing inspectors and health
6 inspectors, the city has the highest rate
7 of substandard housing in the country and
8 the city hires nine housing inspectors to
9 work six hours a day to inspect and bring
10 it up to standard.

11 I would like a little aside here,
12 I am not the only one that has noticed this,
13 but there is discrimination in the way this
14 inspection is carried out. I have a black
15 landlord and he is a homeowner and he sees
16 the inspector at least once a year. Right
17 beside me there are two vacant lots at
18 200 Johnson Avenue, there's a three-family
19 building owned by an absentee landlord that
20 doesn't get the same service. I have
21 personal knowledge of this and I have heard
22 the same thing stated by a few black home-
23 owners that I know, that that has been their
24 experience.

25 What I was saying before, why we tend

1 to treat symptoms instead of causes or
2 pretend to treat them, on June 4th, 1967
3 the city council of Newark passed a housing
4 ordinance, it's known as the rent control
5 ordinance of January 4, 1967, there were
6 some real fallacies in this ordinance, if
7 it is indeed to upgrade the housing con-
8 ditions in the city. I would like to point
9 out just a couple.

10 "Section 15.529a.2 preliminary
11 investigation and complaint.

12 "(b) a preliminary investigation
13 shall be completed within 15 days of the
14 date a charge of substandard conditions in
15 a multiple dwelling is made in writing to
16 the public officer by an occupant thereof."

17 On the face of it that seems reason-
18 able enough, but it does not take into
19 consideration the illiterates in the city
20 and the fact that most of the illiterates
21 in the city live in substandard housing,
22 that is another correlation which goes back
23 to another previous point about how our
24 society measures us. I think you might say
25 it is a class society that permits it to do

1 so. If the establishment is found to be
2 substandard and the landlord does not make
3 repairs within 30 days himself, then he is
4 subject to rent control. According to this
5 rent control--let me read Section 15.529a.4,
6 Part b. "In establishing maximum rents
7 which may be charged for housing space in
8 a multiple dwelling subject to rent control,
9 the permissible rents shall be sufficient
10 to provide the owner or other persons
11 entitled to receive said rents with a fair
12 net operating income from the multiple
13 dwelling."

14 / In other words, once this landlord
15 has been procedurally legally found negli-
16 gent, he is still entitled to collect rent,
17 though it may be a little less, but we'll
18 get into the maybe bit later. That, gentle-
19 men, is despicable to make yourself wealthy
20 on someone else's misery.

21 Section 15.529a.5 reads: "Any
22 determination that a multiple dwelling is
23 substandard within the meaning of this
24 ordinance shall be based upon the standards
25 set forth in the State Housing Code as

1 promulgated by the bureau of housing on
2 July 25, 1966, and as thereafter amended
3 and supplemented."

4 So the ordinance that this ordinance
5 is enforcing is questionable, too. For
6 example, this ordinance requires the owner
7 of a multiple dwelling unit to furnish an
8 adequate heating system that will heat the
9 apartments--I haven't got the ordinance so
10 I can't quote it--that's fine, but what it
11 doesn't say is when this heating system
12 should be on, when this furnace has to be
13 turned on, all it says is it has to be
14 there, incapable of performing, it doesn't
15 compel the slumlords to do the plumbing.

16 On further inquiry I was told that
17 this standard was written by the real estate
18 board, so I can understand why it is not
19 protecting the interest of the tenants.

20 MR. COCUZZA: You have five minutes,
21 Mr. Cleveland.

22 MR. CLEVELAND: I'm sorry. I'll give
23 up my elaboration on this particular point.
24 I would just like to come to my conclusion
25 that the area systematically is neglected,

1 I'm sure some people aren't aware of it
2 but I'm sure the housing inspectors are
3 and the city councilmen are and I don't
4 know what the law says, but by standards
5 of human decency, this is criminal neglect.
6 The law does recognize acts of omission in
7 some cases to be as bad as acts of commission.

8 Then comes the blighted area, like
9 in the section where I live, the area was
10 declared blighted some years ago and in the
11 last five to ten years it has fast become
12 blighted because of the declaration of it
13 being blighted the affect it has on our
14 real estate people dealing in the neighbor-
15 hood and what homeowners do, they sell out
16 to slumlords that have to get lousy mortgages
17 that some of them own themselves, many of
18 them being real estate men. Then we are
19 assured, this point has been alluded to
20 before a dozen times at least, but we are
21 told that we will be able to relocate the
22 22,000 people involved in this red site area
23 because the housing authority locates 1,000
24 people a year. So in 22 years everybody
25 will be relocated, is that it?

1 I want to say just a few words about
2 the prior context to first substantiate my
3 claim that something is rotten not in
4 Denmark but here. Some of you may know that
5 a few weeks ago 4,000 rounds of ammunition
6 were pumped into the dormitory of a black
7 student university in Houston, Texas, because
8 their curfew was two hours earlier than the
9 curfew of the white university in the same
10 town. There are other issues involved, too.
11 One weekend ago you heard about racial
12 disturbances in Roxbury, another neighborhood
13 I used to live in, according to the people
14 that were directly involved in the demon-
15 stration that precipitated that disturbance,
16 the demonstrators locked themselves in the
17 welfare office because they were complaining
18 that some checks had been cut off without
19 any notification and without any reason.
20 On the second night that they were there the
21 police were ordered to go into action and
22 many people were injured and one white woman
23 who was nine months pregnant was beaten to
24 death, she died before she got to the hospital
25 and there was no one there but welfare clients

1 and policemen.

2 In 1954 there was a desegregation
3 decision, since then unemployment among
4 black women has doubled, among black men
5 it has tripled and among black men in the
6 18 to 25 age group it has quadrupled. To
7 top this off, the population is expanding,
8 too, jobs are decreasing and the population
9 is expanding. Gentlemen, something has to
10 be done.

11 MR. COCUZZA: Your time is up.

12 MR. CLEVELAND: May I beg another
13 minute, I want to say a few words to the
14 members of the board directly, I guess it
15 will have to be quick.

16 You see, you are all trapped in a
17 system that doesn't do us very good. You
18 gentlemen have your necessities of your life
19 satisfied but you got yourself into a
20 position where you are faced here with a
21 clear moral question. You really have two
22 alternatives that this society is giving you,
23 you can declare this area blighted and there-
24 by maintain your interest and your comfort
25 but I really wonder about your soul, your

1 self-respect and your conscience; the other
2 alternative is to vote no, or if you can't
3 do that, to resign, if you can't do that,
4 abstain. Any one of those acts you could
5 at least do, you would jeopardize your
6 standards and your interest, I understand
7 that, and that's why I am saying we are all
8 involved in a trap here because you either
9 have to sell yourself or sell your well-being.
10 I don't envy that either. Thank you.

11 MR. COCUZZA: The next speaker is
12 Henry A. Street, 336 Clinton Place.

13 Would you please give the reporter
14 your name and address.

15 MR. STREET: Henry A. Street,
16 336 Clinton Place, Newark, New Jersey.

17 MR. COCUZZA: You have 30 minutes to
18 make your presentation.

19 MR. STREET: Mr. Chairman and members
20 of the board, before I come to the point,
21 I would like briefly to make an attempt to
22 bring to your minds the picture of a poster
23 I once saw. It was a rather large poster
24 with the picture of a little black girl
25 standing with her eyes turned towards the

1 heavens. Behind her stood a rundown building
2 and a littered street. To look at her eyes
3 you could not help but see the pain and hurt
4 that was generated by the question in caption
5 beneath the picture, "Why do they hate me?"
6 The look on that little girl's face and
7 the unanswered question, "Why do they hate
8 me?" tore down into the core of my soul,
9 and, gentlemen, I cried. I cried for that
10 little black girl and wished to God that I
11 could suffer the pain and degradation that
12 she had already begun to face. However, to
13 me this little black girl was representative
14 of the whole of the black race, of whom you
15 disregard so genuinely.

16 We, the black man, are generally
17 regarded by you white men as being a people
18 born of and born into ignorance. Conse-
19 quently, we have had things pushed down our
20 throats for too many years. Through your
21 many mediums of communications you have
22 pushed down our throats the idea that black
23 people are inferior to white people. You
24 gave this idea facility through the use of
25 prejudism, discrimination and segregation.

1 You brought to bear upon us every conceiv-
2 able injustice possible. With the weight
3 of all this indignation on our shoulders
4 we still emerge a proud and determined
5 people, determined now, more than ever
6 before, to find equality, equality in every
7 sense of the word. In the City of Newark
8 we want and demand equality. In this city
9 where the black man represents 60 per cent
10 of the population, we still do not have
11 equality.

12 In your attempt to further facilitate
13 your racist principles, you now seek dis-
14 persion of the black populace. Your urban
15 renewal projects and programs seem bent on
16 the destruction of the powers, and potential
17 powers, that the black man has gained and
18 might gain in this city. Your medical site
19 proposal is just one more of the methods
20 you would use in your hopes to accomplish
21 your ends.

22 I will now say to you, gentlemen,
23 in direct quotes of the words of Martin
24 Luther King in a speech that he made in the
25 march on Washington, "We can no longer drink

1 from the cup of gradualism, nor can we
2 afford the luxury of the pill of tranquility."

3 The black man in this, and in all
4 other cities throughout this country, are
5 now ready. We are ready now to die for what
6 we believe, and we believe that we are
7 entitled to every right granted to us under
8 the articles of the Constitution of these
9 United States.

10 I am sure that you gentlemen are aware
11 of the riots that have taken place in some
12 of the black ghettos throughout our country,
13 and as yet the City of Newark has not
14 experienced, to any large degree, these
15 kinds of difficulties.

16 I now ask you, gentlemen, do we have
17 to have a reproduction of Watts in order for
18 you to see that we mean business? If so,
19 we will do so.

20 I do not believe that you have the
21 right to disperse our population, and I for
22 one am prepared to die before I will allow
23 you to push me back into the darkness from
24 whence I came.

25 I hope that I have been able to

1 impress upon you my feelings and their
2 importance in this matter, for as I speak
3 from my heart, I also speak from the hearts
4 of many.

5 MR. COCUZZA: The next speaker is
6 Frances Henry, 154 Bergen Street, Newark.

7 Will you give your name and address
8 to the reporter, please.

9 MISS HENRY: Frances Henry, 154
10 Bergen Street, Newark, New Jersey.

11 MR. COCUZZA: You have 30 minutes to
12 make your presentation.

13 MISS HENRY: I live in the blighted
14 area. All good things must come to an end
15 and so must you and your power. Now I have
16 lived in the central ward all my life and
17 I don't have--I'm not saying it because my
18 friends told me, I have lived there and I
19 have seen how our men have been emasculated,
20 how they have been treated, how they have
21 been turned down for jobs and yet you want
22 to take them out of their homes and build
23 a medical school. Now when you put down
24 your statistics, you know the statistics,
25 you know that's 60 per cent and that's 70

1 per cent and the rest of it, and that's not
2 what I'm here to tell you, I'm here to tell
3 you, sure, I want to move out of the
4 blighted area, but I'm not going to let you
5 push me out. It seems very strange that if
6 we were to move out on our own, if we
7 wanted to move next door to you, when our
8 moving vans moved up you would call your
9 real estate broker. Now you are running
10 and you can keep on running, but as long
11 as there are black people you will be
12 running, you can run so far and then there's
13 the ocean and you will be living on the
14 sea pretty soon.

15 Yes, there are some sad things going
16 on in the blighted area, for instance, you
17 talk about slums, but then you don't even
18 help. You say by sitting up here you will
19 do so much and so much and you're going to
20 do this and you're going to do that but
21 it's not being done. For instance, the
22 condition existing with our garbage pickup
23 in these areas, now I live in this area and
24 I know twice a week it's picked up, but
25 sometimes more falls on the ground than they

1 put in the truck, and you call it a blighted
2 area and you say it is our fault. Yes, you
3 can look and you know what I'm talking about
4 because you might have to drive through
5 there to get here and go home, but you drive
6 so fast.

7 The black race is a very weary people
8 who aren't going to run and say yes, master
9 Charlie. You don't seem to believe this
10 because it has been said before and you think
11 there has been rioting, but you see, you're
12 messing with people who have been piled up
13 in tenements, suppressed, and we can move
14 you out and we are going to do it. I believe
15 they are going to sit under those bulldozers
16 and whatever else you bring in there and I
17 just hope I am one of them. I want one of
18 them to run me over. You know why I'm here
19 today? Because I am not working. No, I am
20 not working because you seen fit to keep me
21 out of a job so that I may not further my
22 education, but you know what I'm going to do,
23 I'm going to go and do it with or without
24 your help. Yes, I go to your school and I
25 know you very well, I live with you, but I

1 love my people and I know what they're going
2 through.

3 Mr. Benton, one of the landlords,
4 he's black, but he's one of your men, he
5 works for you. Sure, you're going to give
6 him good money for his property so he can
7 say come on, sell. No, this is not the way.
8 I'm sure you can find this out before these
9 hearings are over.

10 You know, when you pile people up
11 it works on them psychologically. Yes, you
12 know this. It tears them down, they look
13 for freedom in some other way and then you
14 say we are not ready because we have other
15 outlets. This is all very strange, if you
16 can't suppress us by piling us up in tene-
17 ments, then you send our men to Viet Nam
18 to fight with out black men who are fighting
19 for the same thing we are fighting for now.

20 You know, I sit out there and I watch
21 and I look at you and you and you and you
22 all look so very bored, it's too bad because
23 you are going to listen and if you don't
24 listen you are going to experience it, yes,
25 you are. Like I said before, this is a new

1 black man coming up today and he's not
2 playing, he doesn't want you to pile him
3 up in a 13-story building and have him call
4 that his home, and have his kids running
5 outside and getting their knees skinned
6 up and calling this his home when you have
7 your home in suburbia with a swimming pool,
8 swing, and grass. Yes, you want to push
9 us out of our homes and build a med school.
10 What is this med school going to do for us?
11 What is it going to do for us? Oh, it's
12 going to make Newark beautiful, 150 acres
13 of a beautiful medical school that probably
14 one per cent would be Negroes or black, as
15 I prefer. You know, I'm telling the truth,
16 yes, I go to school, I go to the Philadelphia
17 School of Pharmacy and Science and there are
18 700 and some students there and there are
19 only 12 black people, so you are not going
20 to tell me I don't know what it is or I
21 don't understand, because I understand very
22 well. But when we have men like Mr. Benton,
23 you feel that you could buy us out. Well,
24 I'll tell you, you can't today or tomorrow
25 and for the rest of the summer you will be

1 here and if I am not here somebody else
2 will be here. In all probability if I don't
3 get a job I will be here. Yes, I'm coming
4 back tonight and I'm bringing my mother and
5 maybe she'll have something to say.

6 You bring us up from the south and
7 you bring us over here, your forefathers
8 that is, I wouldn't have you blamed for such
9 a thing, and you bring us over here and you
10 say we are inferior because we don't know
11 the language, we don't understand your
12 customs, then you teach us rules and you
13 don't even adhere to these rules yourself.
14 You want to take us and move us out of this
15 area but like I said before, I'll gladly
16 go but I don't want you pushing me. You
17 talk to us and tell us one thing but you
18 say it in such a fashion that it can be
19 taken two ways and the other one, the lie,
20 means what you are saying. You'll move us,
21 sure you will and some people fall for this,
22 but where will you move us to? I find that
23 Newark is becoming nothing but parking lots,
24 projects and liquor stores and a few
25 churches here and there. Yes, you live out-

1 side of Newark and you figure you are out
2 of this, you think it's going to be a dull
3 hot summer, it's going to be a long, hot
4 summer, autumn and winter until we get what
5 we want, it's going to be a long, hard
6 walk. It's not just a question of this
7 one blight area, but you moved us and
8 promised us housing and everything like
9 this and every time you moved us you put
10 us in some place that we could have done
11 without or in the projects. You know,
12 that's a funny thing, you took the Hague
13 Homes and you built them up and then just
14 to pacify us you named them after a black
15 man. We're getting on to this and you're
16 not going to just name this medical school
17 after some man that might, you know,
18 intrigue us in some way and let it be at
19 that because we are going to stop that
20 medical school if we have anything to say.

21 You can build your medical school,
22 but you give us some homes and like the
23 man said this morning, not 16-story houses
24 piled up on top of each other, no, this is
25 not what we want. We want housing like you

1 have..

2 You know, it's funny, you put fences
3 around buildings and everything, anything
4 that can bar us psychologically, bar us
5 psychologically from bettering ourselves,
6 tearing down our homes and taking away our
7 men, anything.

8 After you build that medical school
9 for your children, they don't have to stay
10 in New Jersey, you^{will} probably tell them to
11 get home as fast as you can if you don't
12 live in the dorms, get home as fast as you
13 can and don't pay any attention to those
14 "niggers". I can tell you there's not a
15 nigger in this place. Yes, your kids will
16 have nice homes to come home to and
17 everything like this, but you see now in
18 a way we feel if we can't move out of this
19 area, then we're going to educate our
20 kids and not let them live in the same
21 condition that we live. If we can't get
22 Benton, we will get his children and we'll
23 get them and teach them what it's to be
24 black. You know, it's like you think
25 you're supreme, but let me tell you, there

1 wasn't a white man before there was a black
2 man, you can't get a white man from anywhere
3 but a mutation, the black has to be very
4 good because you can't get black out of
5 white.

6 Before we move into another area, if
7 we do, we don't want your sons or we don't
8 want your daughters, we want you to leave
9 us alone, too. The reason you don't want
10 us next door to you is because you think
11 the temptation might hit you, too bad, there-
12 fore you say no, they might, there's a
13 threat of intermarriage or what have you,
14 but we're going to come and we're going to
15 bring our husbands and our wives and we're
16 not going to bother with you one bit, but
17 don't you touch us.

18 How much time do I have?

19 MR. COCUZZA: You have ten minutes.

20 MISS HENRY: You think Newark is a
21 model city, but a revolution is at hand and
22 there has not been a revolution that there
23 wasn't some bloodshed, I'm quite sure. Sure,
24 you're going to get somebody out there for
25 protection, but you know you're not going to

1 harm the black people because we're all
2 in the same predicament, even poor old
3 Benton that thinks he's on top of the
4 world because you pat him on the back, he's
5 in the same boat we are with some housing.
6 He bought that house in 1948 but I'll bet
7 it hasn't been touched since and if it
8 was, he didn't do it probably. Sure, this
9 is the type of man you pat on the back,
10 but these men aren't like that, they don't
11 want to hear what you have been telling
12 him. These are fathers to their children.
13 You can silence a man but you can't silence
14 his ideas. If you or anyone else sees fit
15 to put it into the people who have spoken
16 up and tried to hinder them in any way,
17 there's many more that will come in our
18 place and they might not even be as peace-
19 ful as us, but they are going to come and
20 one of them might grab you right off the
21 stand because, you know, it's interesting
22 to see how you listen, you sit up there
23 with that smirk on your face. No, I know
24 it all, so you can't tell me, I just watch.
25 You ought to come and live in the central

1 ward for a while, the blighted area, you
2 know there are some nice houses in that
3 area. About that inspection, the housing
4 inspection or those men who are supposed to
5 be doing that job, they haven't reached
6 many houses yet or else they would be telling
7 the people about the way they are heating
8 their homes. Now these are things that
9 you should be doing. Sure, you're going
10 to go to a good looking one and say to them,
11 listen, this needs fixing but don't you
12 fix it up now when there is a white land-
13 lord or maybe not then, if there's too
14 many black people in the house. Live and
15 let live, right? You're killing us this
16 way, but we are getting ready and when
17 we're ready, lo and behold.

18 We don't want you to pacify us with
19 a medical school and maybe a couple of
20 houses on ten acres. You don't need 150
21 acres for any kind of medical school unless
22 you plan to move the students and their
23 families in and move us into other places,
24 build someplace else for us. After all,
25 we do pay taxes, maybe it's hard to believe,

1 but quite a bit of the taxes come from the
2 poor people. You always find a way to dodge
3 them or get them back. I heard a man say,
4 "I'm going to make 15 million dollars this
5 year and I'm not going to pay a bit of
6 taxes." You know, he was telling the truth
7 and he wasn't black.

8 You see, we have this problem, we
9 have been honest but we have been honest
10 too long, now we're going to play your game.
11 How can you be so naive? You bring in
12 people from other states to help you settle
13 this problem, tell you what they did in
14 their area, but it's not going to help, it's
15 not going to help because if anybody feels
16 like I feel, they know that maybe you're
17 listening for a while, like him over there
18 nodding, you cut it off when there's some-
19 thing you don't want to hear, you cut it
20 off, but when you feel it on your head,
21 then you won't be able to cut it off and the
22 time is at hand. This is the time that you'd
23 better hear and you'd better consider this,
24 150 acres.. You know we need homes, but you
25 don't give a damn. Excuse the language,

1 I'm sure it must have hurt your ears. It
2 must have saddened your hearts to hear me
3 say such a word. That's too bad because
4 I meant it. If I wanted to say darn, I
5 wouldn't have said what I said but it's the
6 same thing.

7 Reconsider this blighted area and
8 the people in it. You remember what I said,
9 these are people that have been suppressed
10 and when you go knocking down their homes,
11 you'd better be careful. Sure some of them
12 want to get out, but where are they going
13 to go and who is going to pay the rent?
14 They send their kids down to the neighbor-
15 hood youth corps but what do they give them,
16 a poor man's wages. You know how to keep
17 us down, sure you do. You figure you give
18 us 44 dollars and 80 cents a week and this
19 is good and you say take that home and do
20 what you can with it. Sure, then you give
21 us a job, you don't encourage them to go
22 back to school, you don't care, you say
23 here, I'll give you a job making \$44.80
24 a week and this is probably better than
25 welfare or the reason he dropped out was

1 because of money, this is what he needs.

2 MR. COCUZZA: You have five minutes.

3 MISS HENRY: To Mr. Bradley,

4 Mr. D'Alessio, Mr. Corrado, Mr. Federici,

5 I'm sorry if I mispronounce your names,

6 you might say it's left in your hands, but

7 if you want blood on your hands, then you're

8 messing with us, excuse the phraseology,

9 but if you want a Newark tomorrow, not

10 meaning tomorrow literally, but if you want

11 a Newark, you'd better get right because

12 I foresee something really going down if

13 you start building that medical school

14 and you don't give us some housing. I was

15 just in your housing for sick people and

16 all that kind of stuff, no, this is what

17 they moved from, this is not what they want,

18 this is not what I want. If I see this is

19 what is going to happen, I will do every-

20 thing in my power and walk along with other

21 people in this area, so you'd better get

22 careful.

23 MR. COCUZZA: The next speaker is

24 Novell Jones.

25 Mr. Jones is not present.

1 The next speaker is Mr. Donald Tucker,
2 177 Pennington Street, Newark.

3 Please give the reporter your name
4 and address.

5 MR. TUCKER: Donald Tucker, 177
6 Pennington Street, Newark, New Jersey.

7 MR. COCUZZA: You have 30 minutes to
8 make your presentation, see that you remain
9 in that time limit.

10 MR. TUCKER: Mr. President, if I
11 might ask a question, when was the rule
12 changed to have five minutes for summation?

13 MR. COCUZZA: I didn't hear you,
14 sir.

15 MR. TUCKER: You said I have five
16 minutes for summation.

17 MR. COCUZZA: No, you have 30 minutes
18 for your presentation.

19 MR. TUCKER: You said five minutes
20 for summation.

21 MR. COCUZZA: You may have five
22 minutes for summation.

23 MR. TUCKER: I thought it was ten
24 minutes for summation.

25 MR. COCUZZA: Please continue.

1 MR. TUCKER: I would like to actually
2 point out a few facts first. I would like
3 to say something for the record. In plan-
4 ning for the extreme land taking in Newark
5 by the College of Medicine and Dentistry,
6 I cited a very large area of similar schools
7 as Houston and San Antonio and I would
8 like the record to show, at least this,
9 that Houston and San Antonio are among the
10 best land endowed low density cities in
11 the United States with hundreds of square
12 miles within their city limits. Newark is
13 the least endowed major city in the United
14 States with the smallest land area, owning
15 23.4 square acres and has no business in
16 any way whatsoever regarding the opening of
17 a medical school.

18 Second of all I would like to bring
19 to your attention a August periodical that
20 was placed by the New Jersey College of
21 Medicine and Dentistry, Volume 3, No. 1,
22 the four most impressive events of
23 New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry
24 have been affected, these were quoted last
25 year by Dr. Robert--I can't pronounce his

1 last name--president of the commitment of
2 the state and chair of approximately seventy
3 million dollar program. The signing of the
4 contract within the City of Newark makes
5 the city officials future home of the college
6 and the appointment of Dr. Roland W. Ralston,
7 professor of medical at Cornell University.
8 The seventy million dollars new facility
9 is on 150 square acre site.

10 I would like to ask a question. How
11 come the map which you have here has only
12 48 acres?

13 MR. COCUZZA: Sir, the site under
14 consideration, which is the blight area,
15 covers about 50 acres and it encompasses
16 Bergen Street on the west, Norfolk Street on
17 the east, South Orange Avenue on the south
18 and 12th Avenue on the north.

19 MR. TUCKER: I want to know how come
20 the other part is not on the map.

21 MR. COCUZZA: We are not discussing
22 any other site but that.

23 MR. TUCKER: In reality, the medical
24 school already has signed a contract with
25 the city administration for 150 acres, while

1 you're saying you're only using 50 acres.

2 MR. COCUZZA: Whatever it is.

3 MR. TUCKER: I would like to point
4 out my own personal views of the medical
5 school.

6 I don't live in the immediate area
7 where you are calling for the 46 acres of
8 the medical school, I live in the Ironbound
9 section of the City of Newark, but it
10 affects every single citizen living in this
11 town. First of all, we had a certain amount
12 of increase in our tax ratables, I guess
13 you are probably just as familiar with it
14 as I am. Second of all, I would like to
15 point out certain factors. We are talking
16 about a certain amount of percentage of
17 ghetto housing, you're talking about the
18 area which it covers and everything else.
19 I think we're talking about statistical BS.

20 First of all, our city administration
21 wholeheartedly believes that the men sitting
22 here basically represent the city, even
23 though they are not supposed to come but
24 with a statement. I think the fire depart-
25 ment came out and said one thing, it said

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something about well, this area is blighted because this is the reason, this is the reason, this is the reason and this is the reason.

I would like to pose a question. If the city fathers would have actually enforced the building code regarding the violations that were actually in the area, that area wouldn't be blighted in the first place. They also talk about the action proposed of taking care of narcotics addicts. You have a lot of narcotics addicts in that area. I would like to further point out, which I say wholeheartedly, that the city administration if they started enforcing the laws in which they have right now, that you wouldn't have narcotics in that area. I think it is a known fact that peddlers are on the street daily.

I would like to pose another question. Who is actually going to benefit from this proposed medical school? First of all, I think all of you here are greatly familiar with the decrepit school system which we call the board of education for the City of

1 Newark. I am pretty sure you are also quite
2 familiar with conditions at South Side High
3 School, also Central High School and any
4 other high school where the Negro is the
5 main predominant figure. I think you are
6 also very familiar with the actual criteria
7 in which most medical schools are set up,
8 that most of the black people in the City
9 of Newark won't even be able to get into
10 the thing. So in a sense, it's not neces-
11 sarily a medical school for people, it's a
12 school for white people, and white people
13 who don't even come from the City of Newark.

14 I would like to point out another
15 thing, the type of jobs which our city
16 administration suggests and also this
17 planning board has suggested that the black
18 people in that area wouldn't be able to get.
19 I would like to point out that we don't
20 need no more servant jobs. We have enough
21 people working in city hall right now as
22 aides and to a great degree doing jobs
23 which black people have been conditioned to
24 do for years and years. So I think in a
25 sense you know well that black people will

1 not be employed in that hospital as doctors,
2 they won't even be working there as aides.
3 If you are creating some kind of employment,
4 let's create some gainful employment that a
5 lot of people would have a standard and
6 decent living, not what we actually have
7 there now.

8 I may also point out about housing
9 in the City of Newark. The housing authority
10 for the City of Newark actually said on
11 many occasions they can relocate approxi-
12 mately 1,000 people. Now this is very great.
13 This is a hell of a lot of people, especially
14 when you have 22,000 people who will be
15 uprooted by that med school. This is one
16 point. I won't go into the actual waiting
17 list which the housing authority has, which
18 is enormous. Housing conditions in Newark
19 have been bad not just for one year, two
20 years or three years, it has been bad ever
21 since World War II. A known fact to many
22 of the people who are sitting here is that
23 when you uproot approximately 22,000 people
24 in that particular area, there's no place
25 for them to go in the City of Newark, New Jersey.

1 I think another point that is to be
2 considered, that I would like to elaborate
3 on, this is in line with the proposed
4 medical school, you know before we brought
5 a map up here and we brought certain
6 articles with us and you made out you were
7 listening to them, but you're not there to
8 listen anyhow, but one of the things that
9 has happened within our central ward or
10 within the heart of the blackghettos of
11 the City of Newark, that is the one I
12 would like to point out, Rutgers University
13 expanded to a great deal, it expanded
14 beyond Central High, you went up to what,
15 is an extension of Raymond Boulevard and
16 you released a certain number of people
17 from that area. I would like to further
18 point out that since Rutgers has been up
19 there, there has not been any housing built
20 in that area. Secondly, you are also
21 familiar with Route 278 which is supposed
22 to run directly from Elizabeth Avenue coming
23 straight up Hawthorne and over Bergen.
24 Now there is a lot of people who are going
25 to be uprooted when that thing comes through,

1 so that's another thing.

2 Now the medical school, you are all
3 familiar that that's going to uproot
4 approximately 22,000 people. I know it
5 behooves you, at least to think about it,
6 that one of the things that the black
7 people ain't stupid no more, they aren't
8 going to just sit by and let you run us
9 out of the city. The population as it
10 stands now is 50 per cent black. I see
11 the reflection of our city administration
12 up here on this board and I don't see no
13 one who is actually black.

14 I would like to ask one question
15 about the president, I would like to find
16 out one thing, Mr. Brooks, who is the
17 proposed president here, is he a consultant
18 for the housing authority for the City of
19 Newark, New Jersey, and is he on the payroll
20 of the housing authority for the City of
21 Newark, New Jersey?

22 MR. COCUZZA: I don't know anything
23 about his affairs, sir.

24 MR. TUCKER: You don't know anything
25 about it?

1 MR. COCUZZA: No.

2 MR. TUCKER: Is it true you are a
3 contractor?

4 MR. COCUZZA: Yes.

5 MR. TUCKER: Is it also true,
6 Mr. Bradley, you are on the city payroll?

7 MR. BRADLEY: No.

8 MR. COCUZZA: Please continue.

9 MR. TUCKER: That's what I'm trying
10 to find out.

11 MR. COCUZZA: That's not relevant to
12 the subject matter.

13 MR. TUCKER: It is relevant to the
14 subject matter because of the conclusion
15 drawn on this board.

16 MR. COCUZZA: All these questions
17 have been asked before and have been
18 answered, so when the record is completed,
19 sir, you may review the transcript and get
20 your answers from it.

21 MR. TUCKER: I think most of the
22 people already know that the people who
23 were supposed to make a non-partial judg-
24 ment are in some way or another either
25 working for the city administration or

1 receiving consultant fees from the city
2 administration or in some way or another
3 are receiving contracts from the city
4 administration. I would like the record to
5 actually show that these people aren't
6 stupid and they already know this.

7 I would like to go further in detail
8 when the survey that was run by the city
9 administration, by a certain amount of
10 inspectors, building inspectors, approximately
11 33 building inspectors went directly into
12 the area and supposedly made a survey that
13 they in some way or another tried to water
14 down the fact that the mayor is trying to
15 push this particular program through. The
16 survey contacted 831 families, this is a
17 very large percentage of people who are
18 actually in that area, you are only dealing
19 with 831 families out of approximately
20 22,000, so this is a great percentage that
21 were hit. The survey itself was sponsored
22 by the mayor to go out of this area when
23 it was given back to the community people
24 at a meeting which they held here, they
25 didn't have enough common decency to put

1 down who made the survey, just 31 inspectors,
2 they could have been from the City of
3 Oshkosh, it didn't come off that way.

4 Second, I would like to ask a more
5 personal question. If they could take 31
6 inspectors and send them out to run a
7 survey to try in some way to get community
8 support, why couldn't they take those 31
9 inspectors and let them loose on the central
10 ward and find those building violations and
11 really constructively do something about it.
12 I think it is also pointed out on the record,
13 as you said, that Newark in a sense is in
14 dire need of housing. Now not this
15 particular planning board, but the city
16 administration has torn down the area on
17 Bergen Street, I assume for housing, they've
18 actually gotten up to the point where they
19 are going on Seymour Avenue, again I assume
20 for housing, this was torn down last year
21 and no housing is up yet. What I do see
22 going up is a fence so the children can't
23 play on the property, so the children
24 can't play there.

25 I think it has been noted on many

1 occasions how this department is hearing
2 this matter. It is a known fact that people
3 cannot take off from their jobs to come down
4 here to voice their concern about this
5 proposed medical school or whether the area
6 is blighted or not, but anyway you are
7 holding hearings in the morning, not
8 necessarily in the afternoon, and not giving
9 people a chance to come out and voice their
10 concern about this med school.

11 I would like to point out that in
12 1964 our city fathers got together and they
13 presented a master plan for the City of
14 Newark, New Jersey. The master plan had
15 said on its first actual pages that this
16 document was going to be a guide for city
17 planning for the next ten years. I would
18 like to further point out that this docu-
19 ment right now is not being enforced. A
20 group of citizens consisting of the congress
21 of racial equality and the public school
22 communities and various other committees
23 went down to see the mayor about the
24 proposed community college and they were
25 immediately told by the mayor that we can't

1 change the master plan because this was
2 already agreed to by most of the people /
3 who live in the area and by this we say
4 they did not have the 42 acres that we need
5 for the proposed community college and that
6 in some way or another that might bridge
7 the gap from our rundown high schools so
8 that our children would be able to go to
9 college. Now immediately after that, this
10 was October of 1966, immediately after that
11 the plans were started to be formulated for
12 a 150 acre med school. So, I think in
13 a sense it has been proven to a greater
14 degree that they really don't give a damn
15 whether it is a city med school or a med
16 school or anything else, they are just
17 going to dislocate all those black people
18 because they don't want to be concerned
19 about how they are going to go in the 1970
20 election.

21 I would like to further point out,
22 not statistically, but some of the things
23 that are happening in the City of Newark.
24 I think many of the people who have been
25 here have commented that tension in the

community is quite high. I think it's quite interesting for you to at least find out why it is high. You have approximately 22,000 people who have lived in that area and some who were born in that area and who somehow or other are going to be put out in the street. I would like to further point out a parallel to you. There was a man who came into the office and said one thing, and said somehow or other that he would be moved out of his home. He was a man 67 years old. Now he worked all his life on servitude jobs which white America made sure he stayed on those jobs. He bought a house under the GI Bill. He went away to World War II to fight for this so-called beloved country. He bought his house in 1948. Now he's 67 years old and he just finished paying for that house. This man has a tenant downstairs on the first floor. He gets \$120 from social security. The tenant pays him approximately \$85 a month. With the amount of taxes which he has to pay on that house and the \$120 he gets from social security and the \$85 from the tenant,

1 he clears somewhere near around \$150 a
2 month. Now this man has worked all his
3 life and he has a house now that has been
4 estimated to be approximately \$6,000. He's
5 on social security and he's too old to go
6 back to work. When that medical school,
7 I hope like hell it never comes through
8 if it's going to displace that man and
9 give him \$6,000 to buy another house. A
10 house now in the City of Newark, New Jersey,
11 you're not going to get one for \$6,000,
12 it's more like \$15,000 or \$20,000, even
13 more than that because of the amount of
14 taxes which you are going to have to pay.

15 This man is going to be faced with
16 a problem. He is too old to go to a bank
17 and get a loan because he doesn't really
18 have any sort of collateral, he has \$6,000
19 and he is 67. So he has to move into a
20 middle income apartment. Even if he gets
21 one room in someplace like the Colonnade,
22 it's going to cost him \$120 a month and this
23 is all he gets from social security. So
24 somehow or other \$120, which he actually
25 put each month to the amount of money which

1 he would bank to pay for this house, to pay
2 for this apartment, this man is going to be
3 faced with a problem within a matter of ten
4 years, not having any money to live. This
5 man has worked all his life, he's worked
6 hard to save this little bit of money,
7 somehow built a nest egg and within ten
8 years he is going to be on welfare. I think
9 in a sense this is one of the points that
10 this planning board must consider.

11 I think another point which has been
12 borne out to a great extent, the people
13 who are living in that area are not all
14 totally employed. A recent survey pointed
15 out that approximately 30 per cent of the
16 people who live in that area are receiving
17 some sort of assistance or are unemployed
18 and they will not have a job to go to a
19 better place. I guess you probably know
20 there's no housing left in the City of
21 Newark and going to Jersey City, Nutley and
22 going to Caldwell, I think you already know.
23 there's no housing left there either. I
24 think this planning board if it doesn't
25 realize the problem, you are going to see

1 one of the most violent things come through
2 here that Newark has ever seen. I would
3 like to quote one person who said something
4 quite a number of years ago, which I feel
5 is quite apropos here today, Federal Judge
6 Douglas said, "Power concedes nothing,
7 it never has and it never will."

8 Let me show you something, if it
9 doesn't concede something you are going
10 to see a negative power that won't concede
11 a damn thing either. If you think that
12 medical school in any way is going to go
13 up in that area, you're very much mistaken.
14 If you think you're just dealing with one
15 thing, whether the area is blighted or
16 whether it is not blighted, you are very
17 much mistaken. I think you are dealing
18 with an emotion that is going to come out
19 of that area, which is going to be more hell
20 than you have viewed raised in this damn
21 city. This is something that should be
22 considered before you sit down here and say
23 the area is blighted or the area is not
24 blighted.

25 I would like to also further point

1 out that on recent studies in New York it
2 was also pointed out that some of the schools,
3 the medical schools which they have in the
4 area were working directly in the community
5 and doing a lot of operations that did not
6 necessarily have to be performed, such as
7 a person would come and say there was
8 something wrong with my stomach and then you
9 give her a hysterectomy. I think this is
10 one of the conditions in which we actually
11 have in our hospital now. I think nobody
12 can actually sit up here and say the medical
13 college will not benefit the people of
14 Newark in medicine, but it will not benefit
15 them if they have to move out from Newark
16 and try to find houses elsewhere. The Newark
17 city hospitals are in a deplorable state.

18 I believe wholeheartedly if the
19 city administration and the planning board
20 or anyone involved with this was really
21 interested in the citizens of Newark, they
22 would clean up that mess they got up on the
23 hill, because if they can't do a good job
24 with the city hospital, they can't damn sure
25 do a good job with that medical school.

1 I would like to also further read
2 an article that was also printed in the
3 New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry.

4 "The New Jersey College of Medicine
5 and Dentistry, which will be located in
6 Newark, New Jersey, will be one of the most
7 land endowed urban medical colleges in the
8 country providing the opportunity to
9 revolutionize future development in the
10 field of medicine and science that has not
11 yet been envisioned."

12 I can only point out a further thing,
13 looking at the proposed scope of this med
14 school, the only thing I can see is a lot
15 of beautiful area around the school and I
16 think that this is the area or this is the
17 wonderful school that we are actually
18 erecting, we are erecting a school that is
19 a throw-back in history itself. There are
20 many med schools located throughout the
21 United States, one which we have directly
22 here in the heart of the city that doesn't
23 even have the land, it is one that I don't
24 think is really pleasant to any degree, I
25 don't think it's going to be doing a thing

1 for the City of Newark, New Jersey.

2 I think Madison itself offered the
3 college board approximately 153 acres if
4 they would locate the medical school in
5 there. I would like to propose a question.
6 How come this wasn't done. I think the
7 ulterior motive behind the whole thing is
8 they feel in a sense they are going to
9 displace the highest population of Negroes
10 in the United States in a major city.

11 I would like to read the actual
12 survey that was taken for the senate of
13 Repurch and Market Incorporated. It says
14 that approximately two-thirds of our
15 population have some awareness of the city's
16 intention to build the new medical and
17 dental school in Newark, our awareness,
18 however, is somewhat higher among the resi-
19 dents of the poor areas. I would like to
20 also point out that although two-thirds of
21 them knew that the med school was coming to
22 Newark, approximately one-third of them did
23 not know they had to move out of that area.
24 So this left us approximately two-thirds of
25 the amount which you intended to displace,

1 which represents 22,000 people, who really
2 did not know that you are going to put them
3 out on the street when this medical school
4 actually starts.

5 I think other points that were brought
6 out that many people in the area said they
7 would like to have the med school come to
8 Newark, but I think the farce that was
9 built by our administration and the way
10 they handled this particular situation points
11 out that the benefits in which they BS-ed
12 the people will not actually come about.
13 I can only point out to you that the
14 negative power which I talked about before
15 will be a power force that the community
16 is building up, it is a power force that
17 is based on emotion, the emotion of people
18 who have no place to go, it's an emotion
19 of frustration.

20 I would like to also point out that,
21 one other point is going to be considered
22 and that is that emotion is going to be
23 challenged and it is going to be challenged
24 in that area, it's going to be challenged
25 afterward because any of those students who

1 try to come down to that medical school
2 are going to be faced with a problem, it's
3 how they can get through the area to get
4 to the school. You can consider it any
5 way you want, but it's one of the points
6 that has to be considered. The city
7 administration, also this planning board
8 has put people in that area in a precarious
9 situation, the situation is basically that
10 you can't go nowhere but out of the city.
11 Under those terms you have a person backed
12 up straight across the wall and when that
13 person hits the wall the reaction is going
14 to be felt, and it's going to be felt to
15 the extent that not even--I don't know who
16 the mayor is, I think it's that short fat
17 man we call Addonizio, whether it's
18 Addonizio or one of his stooges or somebody
19 else who wields the power within the city
20 administration, I think in a sense they
21 will get the message and what the message
22 is really saying is that the black people
23 are tired of being moved, of being moved
24 around and we have got to the point that
25 we ain't going to be moving no more, I think

1 the city, whoever is responsible for this,
2 can bear the responsibility for anything
3 might come out of trying to erect that
4 school and tear down the homes of 22,000
5 black people.

6 You know, we can play with statistics,
7 I can give you statistics on this and
8 statistics on that but I'm pretty sure you
9 can throw it back and forth, but I think
10 the main statistic which many of us have
11 mentioned here is that you are going to
12 have a fight between black man and white
13 man when that school gets through. That
14 school was never meant to be built for the
15 benefit of the people of Newark. The
16 administration is using it like it is using
17 us, to dislocate that large black electorate,
18 to disregard it and water it down where it
19 is no longer a threat to city hall. We
20 have many aspects going. This is one of the
21 major underlying factors that the mayor has
22 proposed. Whether it's you who makes the
23 decision or the mayor that makes the decision,
24 that decision better be a decision which
25 the community is going to accept. That

1 decision better be something about building
2 decent housing in this rat-infested city.
3 That decision better work out where you
4 start building buildings, start really
5 doing something for the people instead of
6 actually running the people out of this
7 town. Many of the people who are working
8 directly in the community are familiar
9 with what your plans are or what the mayor's
10 plans may be and nobody can sit down here
11 and say it's by accident that this is
12 happening. Nobody is going to sit down and
13 say in a sense they really don't mean
14 that. You're not dealing with stupid
15 people, you're dealing with people who
16 know. You can be sure damn that every-
17 body in the whole community really under-
18 stands it, if they didn't understand it,
19 they understand it now by coming down here.
20 I think the people are getting a great
21 education now because the fight is not a
22 fight on the medical school, it's not
23 necessarily a fight on the dental school,
24 it's a fight that is coming up between
25 black and white America, supposedly America.

1 We can get down and start philosophizing,
2 but it's a fight between black and white
3 and let me tell you you are initiating it
4 and I don't think you are going to be able
5 to stop it, whether you build that medical
6 school or not. All over the United States
7 you have people coming together as black
8 people and they realize where we stand
9 in this God damn racist society. Don't
10 think you are going to talk to us like
11 Uncle Toms or Bentons or Brooks, who used
12 to manipulate the community and say he's
13 satisfied they're going to do what you said.

14 It's no longer a point where we are
15 sitting down, where we are going to be
16 passive about being out in the street and
17 being non-violent. We are going to move
18 forward. It's no longer where it's a civil
19 rights movement. I think you are planting
20 seeds of a revolution that is going to tear
21 this damn city apart. Like I said, I don't
22 think anybody's going to really stop what
23 you are putting into motion now.

24 I would also like to comment on your
25 1964 master plan of the City of Newark.

1 As I live in the Ironbound section of the
2 City of Newark, we learned we're receiving
3 a certain amount of children who are being
4 bussed from the central ward down to the
5 east ward, mainly because of an over-
6 crowded school situation. Within the master
7 plan, in one or another, it's to extend that
8 Camden Street School and they are starting
9 to build it now. It is also insinuated to
10 the extent that other schools will be built
11 to accommodate the ever-increasing popu-
12 lation in which we are actually coming into
13 now. This medical school will also affect
14 the schools, the schools that are right now
15 in the City of Newark overcrowded will be
16 doubled. Hawthorne Avenue School announced
17 to the PTA that in September they will be
18 going on double session. I assume the
19 schools in the outlying area will be going
20 into double and triple sessions.

21 They are putting up a trailer in
22 some of these sections, some of the black
23 sections of the city to accommodate the
24 ever-increasing population, but I have yet
25 to see them draw a master plan for the City

1 of Newark that is going to accommodate the
2 children who live in that central ward.
3 I think in a sense this is also going to
4 affect this medical school which is going
5 in there, if our city administration, this
6 planning board, was quite interested in
7 what happens on the overall structure of
8 the City of Newark, they would know because
9 of the piss-poor education that we have in
10 the City of Newark, a majority of the
11 students who graduate won't even be able
12 to get into that medical school. A lot of
13 kids are dropouts, consequently they have
14 no reason to go to a medical school.

15 I would like to also point out that
16 actually housing of which you are talking
17 about in the city administration is built
18 for the most extent the middle income
19 housing and we have a large percentage of
20 poor population here in Newark, here in
21 Newark, New Jersey, and these people will
22 not be able to actually go into this middle
23 income housing and pay the type of rent
24 that will run in excess from \$120 to \$240
25 a month, some of them are recipients of

1 welfare and they won't be able to pay it.

2 I think we of course know also that in
3 effect you are going to be dealing with
4 people who are frustrated, who are aggra-
5 vated and are damn tired of being manipulated.

6 Looking on some of the things which
7 were sent here many, many times on housing,
8 on employment, on education, also the
9 conditions which are actually in the area,
10 I hope in a sense that all the things that
11 were said here by myself and by many other
12 people who have actually come and voiced
13 their concern, will not fall on deaf ears.
14 I hope in a sense you will not put people
15 in a position where they are looking out
16 and ready to fight. I hope in a sense that
17 none of this is really going to come about,
18 even though I realize for the most part
19 that you are going--I realize right now
20 the conclusions you are going to reach and
21 I think in a sense--again maybe I'm full
22 of hope, I doubt it very seriously, but
23 if we lose that area I think you will
24 realize what the repercussions are going
25 to be and they are going to be felt not

1 only in the black community but also in the
2 white community and it's not going to be
3 a sporadic thing. So play the game the
4 way you want. You come out with a decision
5 that is a wrong decision and I think you
6 will see something in Newark that you have
7 never seen happen in the United States, an
8 out an out battle between black and white
9 people over a lousy damn medical school
10 that won't benefit none of the citizens of
11 the City of Newark.

12 MR. COCUZZA: Ladies and gentlemen,
13 because of the fact that another agency of
14 Newark must have these quarters in a few
15 minutes, the chair declares an adjournment
16 and we will continue this hearing at seven
17 p.m. this evening, June 27, 1967, in this
18 council chambers.

19 (Whereupon the hearing is adjourned
20 till seven p.m.)

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